

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

REMARKS ON THE PASSING OF GRACE STENGEL THOMPSON

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. CONAWAY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember and pay tribute to the life of Grace Stengel Thompson.

Grace was born in Menard, Texas, to a German pioneering family on August 12, 1916. Her grandparents were Peter and Emma Jordan, who settled on Upper Willow Creek in Mason County in 1856. Her parents were George and Louise Stengel, who were prominent members of the Menard community. Grace and her husband, Claude, had three children—Toni Thompson Hurlbut, Judith Thompson Hunter and Claude John Thompson. Grace also has six grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild, and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Grace was proud of her heritage and of her large extended family; she kept up with many of her cousins, aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews, loved them all, and loved being with them especially at family gatherings. Her front door was always open, as was her table. The family remembers many fine “spur of the moment” meals she fixed for whoever showed up. To say that she was a wonderful cook and hostess is quite an understatement.

After graduating from Menard High School, Grace attended Texas Tech University, and it was at Tech that Grace met her husband, Claude, who was President of the Student Body while she was Secretary of the Student Body. They were married in Menard in July of 1937. Grace was a life-long supporter of Texas Tech, and especially the university's athletic programs.

Grace moved from Menard to Lubbock when son John enrolled at Texas Tech University. While there, she served as administrative assistant to three Deans of Students from 1972 until 1983. Grace belonged to the PEO Sisterhood and she was also a member of Delta Delta Delta Sorority. Grace was a life-long Methodist who loved the Lord and all around her.

Grace passed away on May 13, 2010, in Fredericksburg, Texas. Services were held on May 15, 2010 at the First United Methodist Church of Mason, Texas, and the burial followed at Rest Haven Cemetery in Menard, Texas.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Grace's life and to offer her many family and friends my deepest condolences. Grace was adored by all those who knew her, and she will be missed.

HONORING REBECCA ACORS OF SPOTSYLVANIA, VIRGINIA

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Rebecca Acors, a dedicated educator from Spotsylvania County, Virginia, retiring after fifty-two years of teaching at Robert E. Lee Elementary School.

Mrs. Acors began her teaching career in 1957 after graduating from Mary Washington College with a degree in psychology. Over the first part of her career, she taught first, second, third, and fifth grades. In 1974 she graduated from the University of Virginia's Curry School of Education with a Master's in Education degree. After receiving her Virginia state certification as a Reading Specialist, she began serving as Robert E. Lee's Reading Specialist and has served in that position to the present day. She has taught children and grandchildren of her early students, and this year she is teaching her first great-grandchild.

Mrs. Acors has taught through many changes—new trends in education and the ever-increasing use of technology in the classroom. She made it her goal to embrace and utilize innovative teaching methods in accordance with new research findings. In 2001, she was named the University of Virginia's Elementary Teacher of the Year and in 2008 she was named Robert E. Lee Elementary School's Teacher of the Year. To summarize her outstanding career, Mrs. Rebecca Acors has had a positive impact on colleagues, parents, community members, and most importantly, children. As she described it, “To be able to help children accept themselves, to challenge each child to reach his/her full potential and to give the gift of reading is invaluable. I am content in knowing that I have changed lives and made a difference in this world.”

Rebecca Acors devoted her life to the children of Virginia and I congratulate and commend her on this significant achievement.

CONGRATULATING STAFF SGT. GREENDEER ON RECEIVING THE BRONZE STAR

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. KIND. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Staff Sgt. Jessika Greendeer, who has been awarded the Bronze Star for her services in the United States Army.

Jessika is a member of the Ho-Chunk Nation, and has served in the United States Army since 2004. She is the daughter of Conroy and Janet Greendeer, and the great-granddaughter of Corporal Mitchell Red Cloud,

Jr. The Ho-Chunk Nation has stated that she is the first Ho-Chunk woman to have been awarded the Bronze Star.

Her services during Operation Iraqi Freedom, and her outstanding performance during combat operations therein helped to make the command's mission a success. For her actions, she was awarded the Bronze Star, one of the highest military awards available to members of the Armed Services.

I am proud to stand before you today and commend Staff Sgt. Jessika Greendeer for her service to our country. As a citizen of the United States, I am personally grateful to Jessika for her excellence in the U.S. Army. She has demonstrated the kind of sacrifice and service to our country that not only makes her a role model to members of the Ho-Chunk Nation, but to all Americans.

RECOGNIZING MARGARET HUNNICUTT—TEMPE CHAMBER'S 2010 BUSINESSWOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Margaret Hunnicutt, who was recently named 2010 Businesswoman of the Year by the Tempe Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. Hunnicutt is currently the President and CEO of Tempe Schools Credit Union, an institution where she has served for nine years as both CFO and now CEO. Under her leadership, Ms. Hunnicutt has worked to keep the institution successful in both financial terms and in social responsibility. She brought the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, or VITA, to the Tempe and Guadalupe communities where low-income families can take advantage of free tax preparation help. The program has been met with great success and recognized by the City of Tempe as improving the quality of life for countless residents.

In addition to her accomplishments at the credit union, Ms. Hunnicutt is a graduate of the Tempe Leadership program, a board member for the Tempe Union High School District Education Foundation, and she received the Bank of America Neighborhood Excellence Award in 2009.

Ms. Hunnicutt has also overcome great personal challenges in her path to success. She persevered to attain an education as a single mother, tirelessly working full time for 13 years while attending school part time and raising her three children.

I am honored to call Margaret a friend, and I am very proud to recognize her amazing achievements in my hometown community.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Margaret Hunnicutt's many contributions to our community.

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RECOGNIZING COACH REX
BERRYMAN

HON. TRAVIS W. CHILDERS

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. CHILDERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a special Mississippian, Coach Rex Berryman of Mooreville, Mississippi.

Coach Berryman has served as an educator and community leader at Mooreville High School for thirty-eight years. In 2004, he was inducted into the Mississippi Associates of Coaches Hall of Fame for his achievements. Throughout his career he has championed over 2,100 victories in all sports. Coach Berryman has led the Mooreville Troopers to win thirteen State Championships, including basketball, slow-pitch softball, and baseball.

I applaud Coach Rex Berryman's achievements and I know he will continue to support the Mooreville Troopers and victoriously represent Mississippi's First District. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Coach Rex Berryman for his commitment and years of service mentoring young students in Mississippi.

CELEBRATION OF MRS. MATTIE
LEE TOMLIN'S 80TH BIRTHDAY

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Mattie Lee Tomlin on the occasion of her 80th birthday and to commend her on 46 years of dedicated service as a school bus driver.

While serving our nation's public school system, Mrs. Tomlin was responsible for providing a safe environment for her students. Each school day for over 40 years, her promptness and dependability allowed her to transport school children from home to school. Her commitment made it possible for countless children to attend public school.

Mrs. Tomlin was born on June 23rd, 1930 in Jeffersonville, Georgia. After graduating from the Twiggs County School System, she served as a public school bus driver for six years. After relocating to Jackson, Michigan, she continued serving her community for a further 40 years. Throughout her years of enthusiastic support to our nation's school children, she has been widely recognized for her punctuality and commitment to safety.

Even in her retirement Mrs. Tomlin has continued her commitment to public service. For the past four years, she has volunteered her time at the Charlie Griswold Senior Center, where she currently serves as a VIP volunteer.

Madam Speaker, distinguished colleagues, it is with great pride that I recognize Mrs. Mattie Lee Tomlin for her years of service to our nation's school children. I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring this exceptional woman on her 80th birthday.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF DEBORAH
VERNICE REYNOLDS-HAZEN OF
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember Deborah Vernice Reynolds-Hazen of Fort Worth, Texas.

Debbie danced her way into the lives of her parents, Alverta and Clarence Reynolds on January 12, 1953 in Fort Worth, Texas. She graduated from Our Mother of Mercy Catholic School, Nolan Catholic High School, and Paul Quinn College. Before her college graduation, she attended Tarrant County Junior College, where she was crowned Miss TCJC, and she attended Texas Wesleyan College.

Debbie was one of the first Black finalists for the Miss Texas pageant and one of the first Black models for the Kim Dawson modeling agency. In her work in the Water Quality Protection Division of the Environmental Protection Agency, she served as both a water specialist and the Texas Tribal Outreach Education Coordinator. Debbie also worked for the Corps of Engineers.

Debbie loved Fort Worth and she dedicated her life to helping others through her very active community involvement. Mrs. Reynolds-Hazen was the first African-American chair of the Tarrant County Historical Commission. She also served on the Kupferle Board of the Harris Methodist Hospital system, as well as the boards of the Tarrant County Black Historical and Genealogical Society, the Arlington Landmarks Commission, Historic Preservation Council for Tarrant County and Historic Fort Worth.

Debbie was a Fort Worth Assembly debutante and she continued her involvement with the distinguished organization as a general member and as a member of the Executive Board. She was a member of the Fort Worth chapter of the Links. She was a graduate of Leadership Fort Worth and was involved in her church of 57 years, the historic Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church in Fort Worth's beautiful South Side. It was there that she was a member of St. Anne's Altar Society and had sung with the first OMM Gospel Choir.

Always the life of anyone's party, Debbie was an enthusiastic and great dancer. In her lifetime, she had won many dance contests. It was not uncommon for her to make any floor her dancing arena. Her passion for dancing was infectious. She would pull people on the dance floor and made everyone want to dance with her, including those who were the most shy.

Debbie never met a stranger. She had an unparalleled flair about her. She could sashay into any crowd of people she didn't know and would walk away knowing the majority of them or the majority of people would walk away knowing who Debbie was.

This social butterfly was a very well-rounded person. An avid supporter of visual and performing arts, Debbie was a patron of museums and theatre, she travelled around the world, won many trivia contests, and played classical piano. She even recorded an album showcasing her musical talent.

She is survived by her beloved and devoted husband of 15 years, Robert J. Hazen, step-

daughters Robin Renee Black, UVanna Miller, brother, Clarence Reynolds, Jr., nieces, Judith M. Bell, Shelly Bell, and Jessica Reynolds, cousin (and unofficial younger sister), Glenda Batts Williams and uncles Roscoe Marion Means, Marshall Batts, and Melvin Buckner, and a whole host of loving relatives and dear friends.

Debbie was preceded in death by her parents, Alverta and Clarence, by her sister, Clarece, sister-in-law, Alma, and stepson Wes Hazen. She danced her way back into these beloved relatives' lives on May 14, 2010.

A Wake will be held in Debbie's memory on Friday, May 21, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. at Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church at 1001 Terrell Avenue, in Fort Worth, Texas. The funeral Mass will be held at Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church on Saturday, May 22, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, a gift to the National Kidney Foundation be made in Mrs. Reynolds-Hazen's memory.

Madam Speaker, today I rise in remembrance of the very talented, enthusiastic, dedicated and selfless Deborah Vernice Reynolds-Hazen. She has had a profound effect on many, and will be dearly missed.

TRIBUTE TO DREW KELLY

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Coach Drew Kelly of Ames, Iowa, for his induction into the Iowa High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) Wrestling Hall of Fame.

Drew has one of the most storied and impeccable high school wrestling careers the state of Iowa has ever seen. He is one of the 65 Iowa high school wrestlers of all time to win three career state championships, which he did from 1997 to 1999. As a four-time state qualifier while wrestling at Charles City High School, Drew compiled a 133-10 record, closing out his career winning 110 of his final 111 matches. While at Charles City High School, Drew was also a three-time all-state baseball player, a two-time all-state football player and a three-time state track meet qualifier.

After high school, he then went on to wrestle at the University of Northern Iowa. He was an assistant coach for two years in Fort Dodge, Iowa before beginning his current coaching job at Ames High School in 2008.

I know that my colleagues in the United States Congress join me in congratulating Coach Drew Kelly on his fine wrestling and coaching career, and on his induction into the IHSAA Wrestling Hall of Fame. It is an honor to represent Coach Kelly and his students in Congress, and I wish him the best as he continues to provide a positive impact as a role model and educator at Ames High School.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. KING of Iowa. Madam Speaker, on roll-call No. 261, I was detained while attempting

to reach the House floor to cast my vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

IN HONOR OF EDNA MERLE
WILKINSON

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, on Wednesday my friends Patti and JOHN GARAMENDI experienced the loss of Patti's mother, Edna Merle Wilkinson, who passed away at the age of 92.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Edna's rich life, which brought so much happiness to so many people.

Edna lived for many years in my district, graduating from high school in Watsonville. She married John Wilkinson, owner of Granite Construction Company, and helped build that small local company into one of the largest construction firms in the Nation.

Edna offers us many lessons on life, how to live happily and have a positive effect on others. I request that the following tribute to this great woman be included in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Edna Merle Wilkinson passed away peacefully on May 19th, 2010, after nearly 92 long years of life. Merle was born May 26, 1918 in Marlow, Oklahoma to Mary Alma Wright Twyman and Harvey Hinton Twyman.

Merle was the 5th of their seven children. Her siblings included brothers Louie and Col. Richard Twyman, and sisters Miriam Lister, Evelyn Halward, Erlene Flores, and Alice Flournoy.

Merle lived and attended schools in Watsonville and Alturas, California where her accomplishments and actions are evidence of her compassionate and driven nature. In 1936 she graduated from Watsonville High School where she was awarded the American Legion Award for leadership, courage and academic excellence. She also was elected Student Body Secretary, served as the captain of the field hockey team and competed in ice skating events. After her graduation, Merle attended Business College and was a legal assistant to the Superior Court Judge in Salinas, CA.

Merle found her partner for life at a young age—on June 16, 1940 she married John "Jack" E. Wilkinson, the son of Walter J. Wilkinson, the founder of Granite Construction Company. Together they built the highway and road construction firm into what is today one of the half dozen largest in the country.

Merle and Jack were blessed with three daughters. Susan, Patti and Nancy were all born in Watsonville and attended the same high school their great grandmother Carrie Earle Wilkinson had graduated from in 1894.

Merle, a bright loving mother and wife, was also known for her community involvement. She was active in the Eastern Star and the Johnny Appleseed Auxiliary where she hosted fundraisers for local charities. Her deep involvement with the activities of her children blended with her community spirit and she often spent hours cooking for major events and volunteering in the schools.

From the kitchen to the football field and great outdoors, Merle was also an avid sports fan and athlete. She enjoyed fishing, camping, hiking and could often be found in the rooting section of Cal Berkeley football games when her son-in-law John Garamendi was playing.

After her husband passed away in October of 1969, Merle moved to Stockton to be closer to her daughters. Always one for adventure and challenges, she spent the next several years travelling the world. With a fearless spirit she rode horseback at the Treetops Lodge at Richard Holden's in Kenya, rode camels in Egypt and even elephants in India, keeping wonderful postcard journals for her grandchildren. She visited over 60 countries and was a true pioneer.

Merle's energy and heart of service has never wavered throughout her life. In Stockton she was one of the founders of the Lady Bugs Auxiliary; an organization that supports the developmentally disabled. Having lost her daughter, Nancy, to juvenile diabetes in 1995, she was supportive of the American Diabetes Association and could always be found taking casseroles to families of cancer patients.

While living in Stockton in the latter years of her life, Merle also became involved in local politics, making incredible lunches for volunteers and walking precincts with her grandchildren.

Merle's life is celebrated by her daughter, Patti, and her son-in-law, Congressman John Garamendi, who lovingly cared for her in their home over the past two-and-a-half years. Her 12 grandchildren and her 21 great-grandchildren also celebrate her life. Her work ethic, generosity, spirit of service and adventure, and love for family continues to serve as an inspiration to all who knew her.

The pioneering spirit that her family brought to America over 350 years ago lives on through her legacy.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the House of Representatives, I would like to extend our sincere condolences to my friends Patti and JOHN GARAMENDI, both fellow Peace Corps volunteers, and our sincere thanks to Edna Merle Wilkinson for serving as such a great example to us all.

TRIBUTE TO COL MICHAEL R.
SHOULTS

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, it has come to my attention that Col Michael R. Shoultz will retire from the United States Air Force after 27 years of active duty service. He currently serves as the Chief of the Nuclear Plans, Policy, and Strategy Division of the Air Force.

A native of Bridgeton, Missouri, Col Shoultz earned his Bachelor's degree in Aircraft Maintenance Management from Parks College of St. Louis University. From there, he went on to receive degrees from the Squadron Officer School at Maxwell Air Force Base, Webster University, the Armed Forces Staff College, and the National Defense University, among others.

This extensive education did much to further Col Shoultz' long, diverse, and successful career. In the Air Force, he served as the Air Force operations readiness officer at U.S. Atlantic Command and the commander of the 28th Bomb Squadron and deputy commander for the 7th Operations Group at Dyess Air Force Base. Most recently he served as the vice commander of the 2nd Bomb Wing and the Chief of Staff of Air Combat Command's

8th Air Force. Additionally, as a command pilot he has logged over 3,800 hours in the B-52 and B-1 aircraft.

For his service, Col Shoultz received numerous awards and decorations including the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal.

Madam Speaker, let me take this means to extend my congratulations to Col Shoultz on his well-earned retirement and to wish him, his wife Elaine, and his two sons, Robert and Neil, the very best in the days ahead.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF THE LATE TROOPER
PATRICK AMBROISE

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the life and legacy of the late Trooper Patrick Ambroise, a constituent in the 17th Congressional district I represent. It is with both profound sadness, but also an enduring sense of gratitude for the dedication he provided to Florida Highway Patrol Troop K.

A native Miamian, Trooper Ambroise graduated from Miami Edison Senior High School. He began his career with Florida Highway Patrol in January 2006. At the time of his death he lived in Miramar, Florida with his wife and two daughters, 5 years and 3 months old. Often noted as a dedicated and religious man, Trooper Ambroise was a tenor in a gospel group.

"I want his family to know that he really loved them," said Trooper Ambroise's partner, Trooper Shenaqua Stringer.

As a former Florida Highway Patrolman myself, it is quite clear that Trooper Ambroise demonstrated a passion for law enforcement and commitment to helping others, qualities that enabled him to become a respected and model member throughout Miami-Dade County. Florida Highway Patrol District Commander Captain Sammie Thomas said at a ceremony, "Any time we lose a member of this family, it quite naturally is going to affect us. We take these highways personal. We work every day and put our lives on the line to protect the public, and that's what Patrick did."

Madam Speaker, I ask that my distinguished colleagues join me in recognizing Trooper Patrick Ambroise's extraordinary life and many accomplishments. I appreciate this opportunity to pay tribute to him before the United States House of Representatives. Trooper Ambroise was an outstanding American worthy of our collective honor and appreciation. It is with deep respect and admiration that I commend him for his contributions to his community and the many lives that he touched while serving as a shining example of his legacy.

TRIBUTE TO MABLE VOSHELL

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mable Voshell of Osage, Iowa

on the celebration of her 100th birthday which was on February 24th, 2010.

Mable has been an inspiration to all active seniors. Since 1991 Mable has been dancing almost every Saturday night at the VFW in Mason City, Iowa. When she was younger she would go to ballrooms across the Midwest and dance the traditional version of dances like the foxtrot. Her current dance partner, Clyde Martin, has been with her every step of the way since both of their spouses passed away. For Mable's 100th birthday celebration, Mable and Clyde provided a moment not soon to be forgotten at the VFW in Mason City, by dancing the first dance of the night.

There have been many changes that have occurred during the past one hundred years. Since Mable's birth we have revolutionized air travel and walked on the moon. We have invented the television and the Internet. We have fought in wars overseas, seen the rise and fall of Soviet communism and the birth of new democracies. Mable has lived through eighteen United States Presidents and twenty-two Governors of Iowa. In her lifetime the population of the United States has more than tripled.

I congratulate Mable Voshell for reaching this milestone of a birthday. I am extremely honored to represent Mable in Congress, and I wish her happiness, health and many more dances in her future years.

HONORING ROY ISOM

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to posthumously honor the life of Roy Isom. Mr. Isom passed away on Thursday, April 15, 2010, at the age of seventy-two.

Mr. Roy Isom was born in 1937. He grew up in Kingsburg, California. Shortly after graduating from high school, Mr. Isom joined the United States Air Force and served in Korea. Upon fulfilling his duties with the military, he returned to Central California and started his career in broadcasting.

After forty years of working for radio and television broadcasts, Mr. Isom has become known as the "voice of agriculture" in the San Joaquin Valley. After working many years in television news, Mr. Isom went to work as the news director and farm news editor for KMJ Radio, a local news talk channel, in 1981. He produced a daily hour-long morning agriculture news show, reporting on the concerns and activities of farming and agribusiness. The daily news segment provided a forum for educating farmers and non-farmers about the important role agriculture plays in the San Joaquin Valley. He was a friend to the Fresno County Farm Bureau and interviewed many of the officers, members and staff. Mr. Isom was a true advocate for farmers and agriculture.

Mr. Isom was a member of the National Association of Farm Broadcasters and was active in the Sanger Masonic Lodge and community. He was regularly recognized for his work. In 1994, he was named "Agricultural Reporter of the Year" by the California Farm

Bureau Federation and in 2005 he received the "Heavy Puller Award" from the Fresno County Farm Bureau.

Madam Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Roy Isom and wishing the best for his family.

CELEBRATING THE DEDICATION OF THE VETERANS FREEDOM FLAG MONUMENT

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. JORDAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I commend to the House the dedication of the Veterans Freedom Flag Monument in Lima, Ohio.

Twenty-five feet high and 36 feet long, this unique, five-panel monument is the largest free-standing American flag in the nation. It pays rich tribute to the more than 43 million veterans who have sacrificed for the many freedoms we enjoy.

The idea for the monument dates back to 2002, with design bids solicited the following year. Ground was broken and construction commenced in 2007, with much of the work performed by volunteers of all ages working regardless of weather conditions.

Appropriately, it sits on land adjacent to Lima's Joint Systems Manufacturing Center, where so many have worked since World War II to provide cutting-edge military equipment to our armed forces. This land was leased in part from the Norfolk Southern Corporation and the General Dynamics Corporation, which operates JSMC for the federal government.

Members of United Auto Workers Local 2075 at JSMC spearheaded construction efforts and worked diligently to raise money for this important project.

Madam Speaker, the UAW will host a dedication ceremony at the monument this Saturday, when it will be formally accepted into the Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District. On behalf of the Fourth Congressional District of Ohio, I congratulate the monument committee and everyone else who aided in construction and fundraising to make this fitting tribute to our veterans a reality.

HONORING WESTMINSTER CHRISTIAN ACADEMY 2010 WE THE PEOPLE NATIONAL FINALS

HON. WM. LACY CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, from April 24–26, 2010 more than 1,200 students from across the country visited Washington, D.C. to take part in the We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution National Finals. We the People is the most extensive educational program in the country that educates young people about the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights. Administered by the Center for Civic Education, the We the People program is

funded by the U.S. Department of Education under the Education for Democracy Act approved by the United States Congress.

I am proud to announce that a class from Westminster Christian Academy represented the state of Missouri at this prestigious national event. These outstanding students, through their knowledge of the U.S. Constitution, won their statewide competition and captured ninth place at the national level.

While in Washington, the students participated in a three-day academic competition that simulates a congressional hearing in which students demonstrate their knowledge and skills as they evaluate, take, and defend positions on historical and contemporary constitutional issues. Annual surveys consistently show that high school students who take part in the We the People academic competition outperform national samples of high school students participating in the National Assessment of Educational Progress political test by at least 22 percent.

Madam Speaker, the names of these outstanding students from Westminster Christian Academy are:

Molly Anderson, Nick Arnold, Olivia Atkinson, Cheyenne Bartlett, Daniel Chae, Jacob Dahl, Kevin Goldfarb, Jake Grimes, Grace Johnson, Sarah Johnson, Alex Lindstrom, Jimmy Myers, Andrew Nichols, David Rasche, Matt Schwartz, Michael Scott, Ashley Segrave, Emily Sherman, and Curtis Stump.

I also wish to commend the teacher of the class, Ken Boesch, who is responsible for preparing these young constitutional experts for the National Finals. Also worthy of special recognition are Millie Aulbur, the state coordinator, and Sandra Diamond, the district coordinator who are responsible for implementing the We the People program in my district.

I congratulate these young "constitutional experts" on their outstanding achievement at the We the People national finals.

TRIBUTE TO THERESA DATERS

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate Theresa Daters of Melbourne, Iowa who was recently honored as the city's citizen of the year.

Theresa was honored as Melbourne's 2009 Citizen of the Year at the February 2010 Melbourne City Council meeting. Theresa was nominated for her hard work and dedication to the Melbourne city swimming pool project. She serves on the local Park and Recreational Board and put in many hours to make the pool a reality. With Melbourne being a community of about 800 citizens, it is an immense challenge to keep a community swimming pool in business and up to date. Theresa's efforts and service to her community deserves our acknowledgment and appreciation.

I know my colleagues in the United States Congress join me in congratulating Theresa Daters for receiving the Citizen of the Year Award. I consider it a great honor to represent Theresa in Congress and I wish her the best in her future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, on May 18, 2010, I missed rollcall votes Nos. 273–275. Had I been present, I would have voted: rollcall vote No. 273, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 2288, the Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Improvement Act, “nay”; rollcall vote No. 274, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 4614, Katie Sepich Enhanced DNA Collection Act, “aye”; and rollcall vote No. 275, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Res. 1327, Honoring the life, achievements, and contributions of Floyd Dominy, “aye.”

SUSPEND MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION FUNDING FOR MOROCCO

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I would like to draw the attention of my colleagues to the following letter I sent to Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton asking that the Millennium Challenge Corporation compact with Morocco be suspended in light of Morocco's deportation of Americans and other foreign nationals without due process.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 19, 2010.

Hon. HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON,
Secretary of State,
Washington DC.

DEAR SECRETARY CLINTON: I write today to express my grave concern regarding the recent deportation of approximately 40 American citizens from Morocco without due process, which I believe calls into question the continuance of Morocco's Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) funding.

In September 2008, the clock started for the official five-year period for project implementation under the MCC Compact with Morocco. The United States has pledged \$697.5 million in assistance to the Kingdom of Morocco through this Compact. As a precondition to receiving MCC funds, the government of Morocco was evaluated on 17 key indicators of eligibility, six of which fall under the category of “ruling justly.” I submit, however, that these recent events raise valid questions regarding the Moroccan government's willingness to abide by the principles outlined in the MCC indicators.

In early March, the Moroccan government deported approximately 40 U.S. citizens and scores of other foreign nationals for allegedly proselytizing, which is against Moroccan law. However, authorities presented no evidence or explanation of the proselytizing allegations. Among the individuals who were deported or denied reentry were businessmen, educators, and humanitarian and social workers. Many of these individuals have resided in Morocco for over a decade in full compliance with Moroccan law.

Additionally, those deported were forced to leave the country within two hours of being questioned by authorities, leaving all their belongings behind. The manner in which these expulsions were carried out and the

Moroccan government's refusal to grant those affected with a hearing flies in the face of the principles of due process. Furthermore, the manner in which authorities expelled these individuals violates not only the general principles of international law but Moroccan law, as well.

The mandate of the MCC is based on the assumption that “aid is most effective when it reinforces good governance.” Rather than making strides toward accountable and democratic governance since receiving the MCC grant, Morocco has regressed. Freedom House's annual Freedom in the World Report noted backsliding in Morocco “due to the increased concentration of power in the hands of political elites aligned with the monarchy” over the course of the last year.

At a time when the United States owes more in debts and commitments than the total combined net worth of all Americans, it is unacceptable to provide \$697.5 million in taxpayer dollars to a nation which blatantly disregards the rights of American citizens residing in Morocco and forcibly expels American citizens without due process of law.

The decision to suspend a MCC Compact due to a significant deterioration in good governance is not unprecedented. At my urging, the Board chose to suspend the MCC Compact with Nicaragua due to the violence and blatant thuggery exhibited by the regime of President Daniel Ortega surrounding the November 2008 elections.

The United States must send a message to the Moroccan government that it is unacceptable to expel American citizens without due process under the law. I ask that you withhold Morocco's MCC funding until the government of Morocco demonstrates that it is willing to follow its own laws thus ensure that those expelled receive a fair trial and work toward a mutually acceptable solution to this matter.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and I look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,

FRANK R. WOLF,
Member of Congress.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. KING of Iowa. Madam Speaker, on roll call no. 256, I was detained while attempting to reach the House floor to cast my vote.

Had I been present, I would have voted “yes.”

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. COLE. Madam Speaker, during the week of May 10, 2010, I was not in Washington, DC because I was surveying extensive damage that occurred in my Congressional District due to several tornadoes on May 10, 2010.

My vote explanations for the week are as follows:

On Tuesday, May 11, 2010, I missed rollcall votes Nos. 256, 257, and 258. Had I been

present and voting, I would have voted as follows: rollcall vote No. 256: “aye” (On agreeing to H. Res. 1294); rollcall vote No. 257: “aye” (On agreeing to H. Res. 1328); rollcall vote No. 258: “aye” (On agreeing to H. Res. 1299).

On Wednesday, May 12, 2010, I missed rollcall votes Nos. 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, and 266. Had I been present and voting, I would have voted as follows: rollcall vote No. 259: “no” (On agreeing to H. Res. 1344—the Rule for H.R. 5116); rollcall vote No. 260: “aye” (On agreeing to H.R. 5014); rollcall vote No. 261: “aye” (On agreeing to H. Con. Res. 268); rollcall vote No. 262: “aye” (On agreeing to Gordon (TN): Manager's Amendment No. 1); rollcall vote No. 263: “aye” (On agreeing to Hall (TX): Amendment No. 6); rollcall vote No. 264: “no” (On agreeing to Markey (MA): Amendment No. 10); rollcall vote No. 265: “no” (On agreeing to Miller (CA): Amendment No. 12); rollcall vote No. 266: “aye” (On agreeing to Reyes (TX): Amendment No. 13).

On Thursday, May 13, 2010, I missed rollcall votes Nos. 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, and 273. Had I been present and voting, I would have voted as follows: rollcall vote No. 267: “no” (On agreeing to Boccieri (OH): Amendment No. 34); rollcall vote No. 268: “aye” (On agreeing to Halvorson Amendment No. 38); rollcall vote No. 269: “aye” (On agreeing to Quigley (IL): Amendment No. 50); rollcall vote No. 270: “aye” (On agreeing to the Motion to Recommit to H.R. 5116); rollcall vote No. 271: “aye” (On agreeing to H. Res. 1338); rollcall vote No. 272: “aye” (On agreeing to H. Res. 1337).

TRIBUTE TO DONALD DYE

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Donald Dye, English teacher at Belmont-Klemme Junior and Senior High School, on being named one of five finalists for a Top Teacher Search award sponsored by the “Live with Regis and Kelly” television show.

Mr. Dye is an English teacher and has been teaching at Belmont-Klemme since 1973. He is a native of Oskaloosa, Iowa and briefly taught in New Providence, Iowa before arriving at Belmont-Klemme. Mr. Dye was nominated by Jim and Dianna Sunkten of Belmont and Diane and Curt Stadlander of Goodell, Iowa. They submitted a letter describing Mr. Dye's positive impact on the lives of the youth he teaches.

Mr. Dye will be in New York City during the week of May 17th for the taping of the “Live with Regis and Kelly” television show. Each day of the week they will be featuring the top five finalists. This certainly is an exciting occasion to honor Mr. Dye for his hard work and dedication to opening the doors of opportunity to the students he reaches each day in the classroom.

I am honored to represent Donald Dye in the United States Congress, and I wish him the best of luck in New York City during Live with Regis and Kelly's Top Teacher Week. I also wish Mr. Dye the very best as he continues to serve as a mentor and role model to

the students at Belmond-Klemme Junior and Senior High School.

IN HONOR OF CRISTINA ROSE

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Cristina Rose, who today is receiving the prestigious Crystal Eagle Award at Coro Southern California's 35th Annual Awards Gala.

Cristina is co-founder and senior counsel at Rose & Kindel, one of the premier public affairs firms in California. But more importantly, she has a long and successful career in public service, communications and public affairs in California, stretching back to her days of service under Governors Ronald Reagan and Edmund G. Brown, Jr.

Cristina is a board member of the American Council of Young Political Leaders and the California Historical Society. She also serves on the Board of Governors of the HOPE PAC, on the Board of Directors of the Literacy Network of L.A., and on the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Los Angeles Y.M.C.A. She is also a member of the Pacific Council on International Policy, the Trusteeship and the International Women's Forum.

She is former vice president of the city of Los Angeles Environmental Quality Board, served on UCLA Governmental Affairs Steering Committee, as a member of the Board of Trustees of the California Journal Foundation and on the Editorial Advisory Board of the California Journal, and was a founding board member of the California Channel.

The Crystal Eagle Award being presented to Cristina is given each year to four leaders "whose involvement in public life has made an extraordinary contribution to our region." Cristina is a perfect example of how we can make a difference in our communities.

Coro is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that works to prepare leaders to deal creatively, ethically and effectively with the challenges of democratic governance. Its competitive fellowship programs give these leaders the tools to make responsible decisions in the face of change, ambiguity and differing points of view. Coro embodies that belief, and its many highly esteemed graduates have demonstrated that an individual can truly make a significant difference in society.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the House of Representatives, I would like to extend our congratulations to Cristina on winning this well-deserved award.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. RAHALL. Madam Speaker, on the evening of Tuesday, May 18, 2010, I was unavoidably delayed and not present to vote on the following bills:

H.R. 2288—Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Improvement Act (Rep. SALAZAR—Natural Resources) rollcall No. 273.

H.R. 4614—Katie Sepich Enhanced DNA Collection Act of 2010 (Rep. TEAGUE—Judiciary) rollcall No. 274.

H. Res. 1327—Honoring the life, achievements, and contributions of Floyd Dominy (Rep. SMITH (NE)—Natural Resources) rollcall No. 275.

In the event I was present, I would have voted "aye" on all of them.

RECOGNIZING THE MANY CONTRIBUTIONS OF ALAN GINSBURG

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. GRAYSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Jewish American Heritage Month and to recognize an extraordinary businessman and philanthropist from Central Florida who is making a distinguished contribution to the Jewish community in the 8th district of Florida, Alan Ginsburg.

For over 45 years, Mr. Alan Ginsburg has been involved in developing real estate projects such as, single family and multi-family housing projects with HUD, LIHTC, and FHA in several States including the great State of Florida. His career began years ago at a local sporting goods store in Grand Rapids, MI where he did not make enough money to pay for parking and lunch. Determined to be a self starter, Mr. Ginsburg, quit his job to become a self-employed entrepreneur. In 1981, he founded CED Construction Companies specializing in building multi-family communities.

Mr. Ginsburg is a role model for generosity and selflessness not only with his money, but with his time and dedication. He serves as the Director of Greater Orlando Jewish Welfare Federation and was an active member of National Young Leadership Cabinet for the United Jewish Appeal. Mr. Alan Ginsburg's community activism is not just within the Jewish Community, but throughout Central Florida. He has served as a trustee for Rollins College, where he gave \$5 million for a scholarship endowment at Rollins College, and serves as a trustee for the Orlando Arts Foundation.

During the past few years, Mr. Ginsburg has donated millions of dollars to Central Florida organizations. In 2007, The Alan Ginsburg Family Foundation gave Florida Hospital \$20 million, the largest donation in its history, for its new \$255 million patient tower. The 15 story, 440 bed Ginsburg Tower opened in December 2008 and features one of the largest emergency departments and cardiac catheterization labs in the country. At his request, the tower's lobby was designed to be welcoming to people of all faiths and features a memorial to Ginsburg's late wife, Harriet, and son, Jeffrey.

Mr. Ginsburg's philanthropic values are a reflection of his philosophy in life, "to never forget the importance of the community in which you are creating new development and to give back as much and as often as possible." This philosophy corresponds with the Jewish concept of tikkun olam, repairing the world. Jews are not only responsible for helping to create a better world for themselves, but for the entire society as a whole. Mr. Ginsburg's community service has accomplished just that.

Madam Speaker, during Jewish American Heritage Month, it is my privilege to recognize this dedicated community member whose devotion to our community can be shown through his great contributions not only to the Jewish community, but the larger Florida community as well. Alan Ginsburg has given so much to the people of Florida and I applaud his accomplishments and service in our Central Florida community and our State of Florida.

NATIONAL CHILDHOOD OBESITY AWARENESS MONTH

SPEECH OF

HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 966 that will designate September as National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month and raise awareness around addressing childhood obesity.

As this public health crisis continues to grow, we can point to a host of factors that are complicating efforts to reduce childhood obesity such as: prominent advertising of unhealthy foods, the popularity of big-portion meals that are high in calories and fat accompanied with sugary beverages, spending more time in front of the television and sedentary electronic games and fewer school physical education programs. Childhood obesity has more than tripled in the past 30 years. A recent CDC report found that about 14 percent of low-income, pre-school-aged children in the Virgin Islands are obese, which is also the U.S. average.

Childhood obesity disproportionately affects low-income and minority children. Obesity rates are higher in African American, Native American, and Mexican American adolescents than in White adolescents. Type 2 diabetes is disproportionately seen in Hispanic, Native American, and African American adolescents.

Children that live in low-income neighborhoods often do not have access to recreational facilities, parks, or even sidewalks to walk on, limiting virtually any possibility of being physically active.

They often don't have access to grocery stores to buy fruits and vegetables; rather gathering their nutritional content from fast food restaurants and convenience stores. These food deserts are prevalent in poor communities all over the country.

As a physician I have also seen the adult consequences of childhood obesity: overweight and obese children grow up to be overweight or obese adults at increased risk for cardiovascular disease, diabetes, asthma, and some cancers—all of which are increasing exponentially, especially in communities of color.

The time to intervene is now! We must continue to champion legislation and initiatives that will reduce the prevalence of childhood obesity. So on behalf of our Nation's youth, I support this resolution that will bring awareness to this epidemic in hopes of securing brighter, healthier futures for children all across the country.

HONORING THE LIFE OF EDNA
MERLE WILKINSON

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my mother-in-law, Edna Merle Wilkinson, who passed away May 19th, 2010. I ask all my colleagues to join me in recognizing the many outstanding achievements of Merle during her lifetime.

Merle Wilkinson touched the lives of many with dedication and grace. Evidenced since her early childhood, Merle's driven and compassionate nature laid the foundation for a legacy of inspiration to all who knew her.

Merle's drive led her to be awarded the American Legion Award for leadership, courage and academic excellence at her high school in Watsonville, CA. There she was also elected Student Body Secretary, served as the captain of the field hockey team, and was a competitive ice skater. After high school, Merle attended business college and was a legal assistant to the Superior Court Judge in Salinas, CA before marrying her life partner, John E. Wilkinson, the son of the founder of Granite Construction Company Walter J. Wilkinson. Together, Merle and John built the highway and road construction firm into one of the largest companies in its field today.

With great compassion and a heart of service, Merle became known for her community involvement. She was active in the Eastern Star and the Johnny Appleseed Auxiliary where she hosted fundraisers for local charities. Merle was a founder of the Lady Bugs Auxiliary in Stockton, an organization that supports the developmentally disabled, as well as an avid supporter of the American Diabetes Association. Her desire to brighten the lives of others was so strong that, if there was ever a time when Merle could not be found, she was most likely taking casseroles to the families of cancer patients, as she often liked to do.

Merle's greatest source of pride and happiness, though, was her family—her three daughters Susan, Patti and Nancy, and her 12 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren that survive her today. Merle always put family first, and I am forever grateful for her gift of a mother's eternal love.

Madam Speaker, while it is with great sadness, I am truly honored to recognize and pay tribute to a woman who has had such a positively profound impact on my life and the lives of so many others. I ask all of my colleagues to join with me in recognizing Merle Wilkinson's lifetime of achievements.

TRIBUTE TO IOWA FIRE CHIEF
LARRY SQUIRES

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Marshalltown, Iowa Fire Chief Larry Squires on the occasion of his retirement.

Chief Squires has honorably served with the Marshalltown Fire Department for the past 30 years. During the past three decades, Chief

Squires played an instrumental role in the many changes and improvements in fire protection and EMS delivery throughout the city. Even during his last days as fire chief, Chief Squires is continually looking for ways to improve safety and response times with the suggestion of an additional fire station on the opposite side of town. His forward thinking and dedication to public safety speaks volumes of his job as a public servant who is well respected and loved by the people of Marshalltown.

I know that my colleagues in the United States Congress join me in commending Chief Squires for his many years of loyalty and service in protecting the community of Marshalltown. It is an immense honor to represent Chief Squires in Congress, and I wish all the best to him as he embarks on this next chapter in life.

RESETTLEMENT OF INTERNALLY
DISPLACED PERSONS (IDPS) IN
SRI LANKA

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. HINCHEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mark the first anniversary of the end of the civil war in Sri Lanka. President Rajapaksa promised to promote reconciliation on the island and resettle Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs).

One year after the end of the war, there are still over 90,000 people who remain in detention and transit centers, including many women and children. Not only have they not been able to return to their homes, but they still don't have access to basic necessities. Food and medical care are scarce, and international aid organizations are still not allowed into many northern areas occupied by Tamils.

The Sri Lankan government should immediately begin resettling IDPs in their original homes. They must be allowed to return to their families, livelihoods, schools, and places of worship. Addressing humanitarian needs and protecting the basic human rights of all Sri Lankans should be the top priority of the Rajapaksa government.

IN TRIBUTE TO THE NOGUCHI MU-
SEUM ON THE OCCASION OF ITS
TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I ask my distinguished colleagues to join me in celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Noguchi Museum. Isamu Noguchi was one of the twentieth century's most influential and critically acclaimed Japanese-American sculptors. The museum, which he established and designed, is considered by many to be one of his greatest achievements. It is also the first museum in the United States to be founded by a living artist in his lifetime.

Noguchi's innovation is evident in the museum's construction. He converted a 1920s

photo-engraving plant in Long Island City into a two-story, 27,000 square foot exhibition space divided into ten galleries, along with a serene sculpture garden. The museum houses the world's largest and most extensive collection of Noguchi's work, including his complete archives. There is a comprehensive selection of his sculptures in stone, metal, wood, and clay, as well as drawings, models for public projects and gardens, stage sets, furniture, and his Akari Light Sculptures.

An internationalist, Noguchi drew inspiration from his extensive world travels. This influence is evident in the materials and techniques he chose to use in his projects. Noguchi believed in the social role of sculpture and created public works all over the world including a playground in Japan, a plaza in Texas, a garden in Paris, a fountain in New Orleans and this museum in Long Island City. He did not belong to any particular movement; often his choices reflect his commitment to creating art around public spaces.

Through his collaborations with international artists, Noguchi became fluent in a range of different media and schools and set a new standard for artistic achievement. The museum repays his debt to the international community, by organizing traveling exhibitions and loaning works to other institutions for special exhibitions. It serves as an international center for the study and interpretation of Noguchi's vision, life, and the influence of his work on later artists.

The museum's steadfast commitment to education is reflected in the myriad of public and academic programs and tours offered to children, teens, and adults of all ages. Particularly popular are the "Second Sundays" series, which convene renowned experts in art, architecture, and design to explore a variety of timely topics and complement the museum's mission and exhibits, and the summer "Music in the Garden" series. Other programs vary from panel discussions to curators' talks, artist-led gallery tours, and poetry readings.

The Noguchi Museum recently underwent a renovation which has not only preserved the artist's vision, but has better enabled its facilities to meet the needs of its ever expanding audience.

Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to all the friends, family and supporters of the Noguchi Museum on the occasion of its twenty-fifth anniversary.

REMEMBERING JOAN SUE HUEY

HON. TOM McCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Joan Sue Huey. Joan Huey was born on September 29, 1928 in a small farming village in China. In 1947, she married her life's love, Albert Huey, who served in the United States Army during World War II. In 1948 they welcomed the birth of their son, Dennis. They immigrated to the United States in 1951, settling in San Francisco to seek a better life for their growing family, which by then included two beautiful daughters, Dora and Diana.

Throughout the years, Joan juggled the hectic duties of being a wife and mother. She

helped manage the family finances and worked as a seamstress to provide extra income. But she was happiest when cooking traditional Chinese meals and delicacies; taking great pride in being an excellent chef and she especially looked forward to cooking for her grandsons. Joan was an accomplished orchid horticulturist, who proudly displayed her flowering orchids throughout her home and generously shared the lovely blooms with family and friends.

After the passing of her husband, Joan devoted her time to her family until her own passing on May 15, 2010 at the age of 81. The legacy embodied by her loving family is a testament to the ongoing story of American opportunity. Madam Speaker, Joan Huey was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother and I am proud to rise today in remembrance of her life, and to express my condolences to her family.

URGING ESTABLISHMENT OF U.S.
CONSULATE IN KURDISTAN RE-
GION OF IRAQ

SPEECH OF

HON. DANA ROHRBACHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. ROHRBACHER. Madam Speaker, I rise to discuss an omission of a co-sponsor from my resolution, H. Res. 873, which passed the House by voice vote yesterday. The resolution calls for the Department of State to establish a U.S. Consulate in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq in order to normalize United States-Iraq relations at the diplomatic, commercial, and cultural levels as the U.S. Armed Forces redeploys from Iraq. The Honorable TOM LATHAM, from Iowa's 5th District, requested to be a co-sponsor on the aforementioned resolution. However, by an error on our part his name was omitted on the list we submitted. To this end, I request that the RECORD reflect he should have also been listed as a co-sponsor.

TRIBUTE TO IOWA'S BEST AND
BRIGHTEST HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the 48 high school seniors from Iowa's 4th Congressional District who were named by the Des Moines Register as some of "Iowa's best and brightest high school seniors". Each high school was asked to select a senior who is among the brightest and the best—with a mix of good grades, test scores, activities and accomplishments that made them stand out amongst their peers.

I would like to recognize: Katrina Even from Bishop Garrigan High School (Algona), Kyle Klingbell from Estherville-Lincoln Central High School, Karina Haas from Algona High School, Tyler Thorson from Forest City High School, Danielle Carda from Humboldt High School, Kelsey Frerichs from Laurens-Marathon High School, Samantha Gelhaus from

North Iowa High School (Buffalo Center), Brent Sexton from Rockwell City-Lytton High School, Logan Fischer from Ruthven-Ayrshire High School, Elizabeth Bruns from West Hancock High School (Britt), Lawrence Chiou from Ames High School, Nathan Lippert from AGWSR High School (Ackley), Cassandra Bryan from Ballard High School (Huxley), Amy Soma from Belmond-Klemme High School, Brett Herring from Carlisle High School, Matthew Mueller from Dallas Center-Grimes High School, Stephanie Choquette from Eagle Grove High School, Kaly Adkins from Earlham, Taylor Johnson from East Marshall High School (Le Grand), Paul Jacobson from Gilbert High School, Kala Busby from Interstate 35 High School (Truro), Emily DeWall from Madrid High School, Patrick Fink from Marshalltown High School, Addison Bates from Nevada High School, Austin Ward from Norwalk High School, Audra Haglund from Ogden High School, Chad Tenold from Perry High School, Matt Hauer from Roland-Story High School, Sandra Samuelson from South Hamilton High School (Jewell), Grant Seufferer from Southeast Warren, Janine Cibert from Van Meter High School, Jordan Jones from Waukee High School, Katelynn McCollough from Webster City High School, Luke Byerly from West Marshall High School (State Center), Chance Sullivan from Winterset High School, Gwendolyn Walton from Woodward-Granger High School, Jonathan Garrett from Indianola High School, Emily McQuiston from Collins-Maxwell High School, Abigail Swartz from South Hardin High School (Eldora), Sean Michalson from Charles City High School, Justin Mikesell from Clear Lake High School, Kristen Flak from Decorah High School, Hans Wagner from Kee High School (Lansing), Bryan Dannen from Mason City High School, Laura Tempus from Northwood-Kensett High School, Amanda Huisman from Osage High School, Danielle Stockdale from Riceville High School, Thomas Meirick from Turkey Valley High School (Jackson Junction), and Brittany Kruger from Waukon High School.

I applaud each of these students—the next generation of leaders in Iowa and this Nation—for their hard work and accomplishments, and I am proud to represent them, their families, teachers and fellow students in the United States Congress. I know that my colleagues join me in congratulating these students and wishing them well as they begin the journey down their next paths in life.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF
JANET BRENNEMAN

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. TIBERI. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to honor Janet Brenneman on the occasion of her retirement from the Delaware County Board of Elections.

Throughout our history, countless individuals have striven to preserve and expand one of our most fundamental rights — the right of every American to cast a ballot. Informed, thoughtful participation in our electoral process by all citizens has been valued by generations of Americans as the quintessential action helping propel the United States onto the world

stage as the foremost example of self-government.

The dedicated men and women working at our local boards of election can trace their civic lineage to the suffragettes and freedom riders of the past. They are the defenders of our most cherished public act. In this pursuit, Janet Brenneman has devoted the last 35 years of her life to the people of Delaware County. Whether through long hours on election night or her tireless advocacy to inform the voters, Janet established an unparalleled standard of excellence for all other election officers to emulate.

The Delaware Board of Elections stands out as an example for other counties throughout Ohio. Janet's quality of service is matched only by the quality of her character. A devoted friend to colleagues and a trustworthy public servant to voters, Janet's many virtues, both professional and personal, will certainly be missed and hard to replace.

I offer my congratulations to Janet Brenneman on her retirement and join her friends and family in celebrating this great milestone. On behalf of the citizens of Delaware County and the 12th Congressional District of Ohio, I offer my thanks and gratitude for her many years of service.

HONORING MS. GLORIA CHAO,
RUTGERS LAW LIBRARIAN

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Gloria Chao for both her service as a librarian at the Rutgers School of Law-Camden and for her infectious positive attitude.

Ms. Chao received her Bachelor of Arts from Providence University in 1967 and a Master of Science in Library Science (M.S.L.S.) from the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at Villanova University in 1970. After graduation, Ms. Chao worked with Temple Law Library and Air Asia in Taiwan. In 1979, Ms. Chao joined the library staff at Rutgers School of Law in Camden, New Jersey. Upon joining the library team, she immediately played an integral role in establishing the cataloging department and Research Library Information Network (RLIN) system. By 1984, Ms. Chao was appointed Head of Technical and Automated Services.

In her 31 years with Rutgers School of Law-Camden, Ms. Chao has been a model of success, hard work and positivity. She is affectionately referred to as the "sunshine" of the law library and the law school. Currently she is using her bravery, optimism and strength to battle stage 4 lung cancer. She is facing the disease while keeping her sense of humor intact.

Madam Speaker, Ms. Gloria Chao has helped students and faculty find and secure knowledgeable resources and information while brightening the days of all around her. I congratulate Ms. Chao on her accomplishments at Rutgers and wish her the utmost strength and courage in this time of sickness.

HONORING LAKEVIEW CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL LAW MAGNET STUDENTS

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. HENSARLING. Madam Speaker, today I would like to honor the students of Lakeview Centennial High School's Law Magnet program and their teacher, Mr. David Lanman.

As a part of the SkillsUSA program, thirty-three students from Lakeview Centennial High School (LCHS) traveled to Corpus Christi, Texas, to represent their school and community at the 2010 Texas SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference. The students won four of the five team events they entered and several of the students competed in and excelled at individual competitions, as well.

I am pleased to recognize Aaron Winton, Courtney Shaw, Hayle Shipley, Stephanie Inda, Kaitlyn Walker, Kyle Cunningham, Joshua Waller, Kalen Lewis, Omar Roman, Celeste Leal, Katherine Bosler, Katherine Willis, Jade Flowers, Maria Barnett, Kaytlyn Plake, Kalina Edwards, Shone George, Kevin Garcia, Maria Villanueva, Alyssa Villafranco, Nicholas Barber, Aristephanes Angulo, Anthony Tarango, Samuel Johnson, Lincoln Mondy, Gabriella Filzow-Perez, Abigail Holcom, Diamond Hunt, Jazmin Morgan, Nicholas Foster, Adam Colclasure, Victor Foreman and Justin Mathers.

In addition, the students of the Chapter Business Team will advance to the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference in Kansas City where they will represent LCHS for the fourth year in a row. I congratulate Thomas Byham, Jade Crutch, Francely Martinez, Katherine Willis, Ashley Walker, Rebecca Ojini and Brittney Brockman on this outstanding accomplishment and wish them the best of luck as they represent their school and their community.

Lakeview students learn leadership skills and prepare for their future and their careers. These students, with the support and guidance of their teacher, Mr. Lanman, are making an impact at their school, in their community, and beyond. I am honored to recognize them today and to represent them in the United States House of Representatives.

REMEMBERING JERRY HILDEBRAND

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, our Nation recently lost one of the great champions of the unemployment insurance system.

Jerry Hildebrand was the Chief of Legislation for Unemployment Insurance at the Department of Labor, and he was intricately involved in every major UI reform over the past several decades.

Most recently, Jerry had been instrumental in ensuring the delivery of extended unemployment benefits and in helping States navigate reforms to their unemployment systems with the help of UI Modernization Grants.

His advice about the possible impact of policy before enactment and his skillful work on implementation after the passage of legislation will be sorely missed.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Jerry's family, as well as to his colleagues at the Department of Labor. Jerry Hildebrand made our government work for the people, and that contribution will surely live on.

UNITED STATES-ISRAEL ROCKET AND MISSILE DEFENSE COOPERATION AND SUPPORT ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the Israel Rocket and Missile Defense Cooperation and Support Act, legislation that recognizes the significance of our partnership with Israel, the mutually beneficial and historic nature of the relationship and our ongoing commitment to ensure its security for the State of Israel.

For decades, support for Israel in Congress has been bi-partisan. In fact, it is one of the few issues where Republicans and Democrats have consistently agreed. Leaders of both parties recognize the importance of a strong and steadfast U.S.-Israel relationship and work together to strengthen it.

Israel remains one of our most trusted and reliable allies. Terrorist organizations that vow to destroy Israel also vow to destroy the United States. As we continue to combat extremism worldwide and the violence it incites, a strong U.S.-Israeli strategic partnership is essential.

Since coming to Congress, I have consistently and fervently supported America's commitment to the safety and support of Israel. In part, my commitment to Israel is based on the experiences of my mother, who fled Austria to escape the Nazis and emigrated alone at age 16 to the United States. My mother's stories have given me a deep understanding of the importance of Israel as a safe haven for Jews and as a strong voice on behalf of the Jewish people.

The bill before us will better enable Israel to be a safe haven for Jews. It will formalize the United States' commitment to provide support for the deployment of Israel's "Iron Dome" missile defense system. This system will help protect Israeli citizens from the short-range rocket attacks of the Hamas and Hezbollah terrorist attacks.

I thank my colleagues for their support of Israel and for enhancing Israel's ability to defend itself. Our action today reaffirms our commitment to our closest of allies, Israel.

MY FIRST STEPS: A TRIBUTE TO SPC DAVID MAYER, AN AMERICAN HERO, THE UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. WALLY HERGER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. HERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a hometown hero . . . SPC David

Mayer from Placentia, California. As you know, our men and women of honor who wear the uniform . . . must come back home and start all over again. As each has their own personal mountains to climb. In our daily lives, we take for granted the little things, like having two legs and being able to walk. And the littlest things can sometimes become the greatest of all mountains to climb. Like a soldier who comes back home from war, and must start all over again. And take . . . those first steps. This poem is dedicated to such an American Hero from California, who was ready to give his life for all of us. As he did give his two strong legs in the name of freedom, and now his new battle has begun. . . . This poem is dedicated to SPC David Mayer, and the thousands just like him, who by their actions teach us everyday. Teach us all about faith and courage. As David has lost both of his legs in an IED explosion in Iraq. I ask that the following poem penned in honor of him by Capitol Guide Albert Caswell be put in the RECORD. And remember this Memorial Day our troops sacrifice, and the loving parents like that have helped David.

My . . .
My First . . .
My First Steps . . .
Are but, my first ones . . .
My First Steps, that I've begun . . .
My new footprints, that I have won . . .
All in this new battle, all in what must be done!
All in what is said, and so too what must be won . . .
All in these, my new baby steps, please . . .
all in courage's sun . . .
Are but, really giant steps . . . as so are each . . .
yes, each and everyone . . .
With all of that pain, and will . . . as my heart to me so instills . . . TO RUN.
To fight! One by one . . . Day by Day . . .
Night by Night . . . I will say, I'm not done . . .
All along heartbreak's way . . . I will walk and I will run . . . and I will see The Rising Sun . . .
As I will rise . . . and wipe away all of those tears from my eyes . . . look at me, I've just begun . . .
For it was but not a long ago, when as a child . . . a memory I will not know . . . when I took . . .
I took, those very first steps . . .
And now, in the coming years . . . as the time so passes here . . .
I will look back, and I will remember . . .
Carried in my heart, all in to warm my soul.
Forever, the memory . . . these embers . . .
Of My First Steps!

HONORING THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK, NEW JERSEY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Township of Pequannock, in Morris County, New Jersey, which is celebrating the 270th anniversary of their incorporation.

The Township of Pequannock, with its northern portion Pompton Plains, is one of the oldest European settlements in northwestern New Jersey. Its lands were purchased from the Lenni-Lenape Indians between 1695 and

1696 and it was incorporated as a township in 1740, making it at the time the largest township in Morris County.

Evidence reports tool-making and hunting activity by Paleo-Indian hunters as early as 3000 B.C.E. Examples of Paleolithic tools are part of the town's historic collections. Later, the area was occupied by Lenni-Lenape Indians who camped, hunted, fished, settled and tilled the fertile lands along the river plains formed by the confluence of the Ramapo, Pompton and Pequannock Rivers. Dutch and English farmers began to settle and farm its flat plains by 1710.

During the Revolutionary War, the Township was an important interior travel route and convenient rest stop for George Washington and other Revolutionary War patriots. Nearby "Poquanic Knob" was the site of a lookout during British Generals Clinton's and Cornwallis' occupation of New York City. Hessian soldiers from the American victory of Saratoga were temporarily imprisoned in the Township. Soldiers of Washington and French General Comte de Rochambeau camped in the town on their march from Rhode Island to the Yorktown Battlefield in Virginia in 1781. General Lafayette and his soldiers passed through Pequannock to Virginia in his quest to capture Benedict Arnold. In June of 1782, General Von Steuben reviewed the troops on the "flat fields" of Pompton Plains.

Once encompassing a sprawling 176 square miles, Pequannock now consists of 6.8 square miles of suburban community. The Township has, within its confines, a portion of one of the remaining historic New Jersey turnpikes, the Newark-Pompton Turnpike, built between 1806 and 1811. Earlier during the colonial period, this road was known as the "King's Highway." And, shortly after America's independence it was known as the "Road through the Plains."

In addition, the Township is part of the remains of a long extinct glacial lake called "Lake Passaic." There are wooded walking and horseback riding paths that overlook a "feeder dam" of the historical 1827 Morris Canal, an engineering marvel of its day, and rivers for fishing and canoeing that exist along this historic dam site. A State Green Acres mountain park, containing the remains of Indian trails, enables hikers to see the New York City skyline.

Pequannock is home to the First Reformed Church of Pompton Plains founded in 1771, with a churchyard containing the graves of veterans from the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. The community features an early 19th century general store, a recently restored historic site and National Registered railroad station, which currently serves as the Township's history museum, and many privately owned houses dating back to the 18th and 19th centuries.

Between 1943 and 1946 Pequannock Township was the home of the plant and rocket test site of Reaction Motors, Inc., a pioneer manufacturer of liquid-fueled rocket engines. Reaction Motors designed, produced and test-fired in Pompton Plains the XLR-1 rocket engine, which ultimately powered the first aircraft flight to break the sound barrier and the Bell X-1 rocket aircraft, the Glorious Glennis, piloted by Air Force Captain/Test Pilot, Charles (Chuck) Yeager, at Mach 1 speed. This event served as a precursor to the Nation's space program.

The Township of Pequannock has been a vital part of the history of our Nation from the

Revolutionary War through the infancy of mass-transportation of goods to the beginning of the space age.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Township of Pequannock as they celebrate their 270th anniversary of their incorporation into the State of New Jersey.

RECOGNIZING MR. LONNIE MYERS FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO VAN BUREN

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Lonnie Myers for earning the Iverson Riggs Memorial Citizen of the Year Award for his dedication and commitment to Van Buren, Arkansas.

Mr. Myers, an assistant superintendent for the Van Buren School District, has been a big influence in the school system first as a teacher and coach, then as an assistant principal, principal and athletic director. Many in the community regard him as the driving force behind the creation of Van Buren High School Hall of Honor and he played a big role in getting a multi-billion dollar tax package passed to upgrade school facilities.

Neighbors and community leaders agree that Mr. Myers is a caring man with a big heart who always leads by example and is always working in the best interest of the community and students of the school district.

It's clear that Mr. Myers is very deserving of the Iverson Riggs Memorial Citizen of the Year Award. Now, after decades of calling Van Buren home, he's moving to take a job in a nearby community. Lonnie Myers will be greatly missed in Van Buren, but his impact and influence won't be forgotten.

RECOGNIZING SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS OF U.S. AUTO- MOBILE DEALERSHIPS

SPEECH OF

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Res 713 which recognizes the contributions of automobile dealerships, both to the American economy, and the economy of my home state of Michigan. Michigan is at the very heart and soul of the domestic auto industry, and it is an industry that has served America well.

Automobile dealerships around the country have provided millions of Americans an opportunity for a good job with good benefits and a secure retirement. The average dealer in this nation, Madam Speaker, employs over 50 people. They are not just a place to purchase a car, but they are community leaders, sponsors of little league teams and rotary club members. In many cases, they are the biggest job providers in their communities.

Automobile dealers create long-term relationships with members of their communities

and provide services beyond the sale of a car. They also provide parts and services for vehicles, handle product safety recalls and provide information for customers.

During the economic downturn, 1,900 automobile dealerships, some that were successful, were closed not because of any fault of their own, but because of forces beyond their control. Thankfully, the auto industry is showing signs of recovery, with Ford, Chrysler and General Motors making a profit for the first time in years.

Those dealerships that were closed should be given the first opportunity to obtain a franchise when auto manufacturers seek new partners to open future dealerships.

I recognize the great contributions that the automobile industry has given back to the community, and I fully intend to support this resolution.

HONORING FLOYD DOMINY

SPEECH OF

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Nebraska native Floyd Dominy.

Floyd, the longest serving Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation, recently passed away at the age of 100.

His contributions to our nation will continue to be felt for generations. A true Nebraskan, he knew just how important access to water is for farmers, ranchers, and our communities.

He dedicated himself to the projects which would supply the necessary water resources for both agriculture and recreational purposes.

Earlier this week, the House of Representatives passed H.Res. 1327—a resolution honoring Floyd for the major role he played in the development of our nation's water infrastructure.

Floyd was well known for his hard work and dedication, and I am proud to sponsor the resolution honoring Floyd's lifetime of service.

TRIBUTE TO FORMER MAYOR TOM HAYES

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, let me extend my gratitude and appreciation for the twelve years Mr. Tom Hayes served as Mayor of my hometown of Lexington, Missouri. For over a decade, Mr. Hayes selflessly dedicated his life to the betterment of all who call Lexington home.

For twelve years, Mr. Hayes oversaw top to bottom improvements in Lexington that led to economic growth and increased safety. He tackled the problem of an aging infrastructure by overseeing the repaving of major thoroughfares and improving the city's intersections. These investments in the city's streets complimented Mr. Hayes' focus on economic development. He led the effort to refresh and improve the River Front Park, an important historical marker and central meeting place for

the city, and he oversaw the development of the city's new theater. These improvements and the acquisition of the existing City Hall facility ensured the city was on sound fiscal footing.

Mr. Hayes' approach to governing the city was innovative and refreshing. He harnessed the collective wisdom of Lexington's best and brightest by establishing numerous boards and committees, such as the Transportation Board and the Marina Committee. He also maintained and strengthened relationships with Wentworth Military Academy and other local institutions. These partnerships will continue to benefit Lexington for years to come.

Mr. Hayes serves our community in many capacities outside of his role as Mayor. An active member of the First Baptist Church and a dedicated family man, he is a committed member of numerous community boards and foundations. As a man of good character with a high moral standard, he has set a wonderful example for all of Lexington's residents. He has and will continue to make the City of Lexington a wonderful place to live, do business, and raise a family.

Madam Speaker, the commitment to service that Mr. Hayes has shown throughout his life is an inspiration to me personally and to us all. I trust my fellow members of the House will join me in thanking him for his unyielding service to the City and the citizens of Lexington.

HONORING MR. MAX COLLEY, JR.

HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. EHLERS. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to join with students, parents, staff, and friends of the Northview Public Schools to mark the retirement of Mr. Max Colley, Jr. I have had the privilege of attending several exceptional Veteran's Day concerts directed by Max, and I am very pleased to honor him today.

Max Colley, Jr., received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and his Masters of Arts degree from Grand Valley State University. He has taught music at Northview since 1970 and served as a saxophone instructor at Grand Rapids Community College and Calvin College, and was Associate Professor of Music at Calvin where he taught the jazz band.

Throughout his career, Max has received widespread recognition for his considerable talents in directing and teaching music. In 1985, Max was the first teacher in the Northview District to be recognized by the School Board for "Exemplary Service" and has been awarded the "Outstanding Teacher Award" of Northview High School on three occasions. In 1988, he was selected Michigan's "Band Teacher of the Year" by the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association (MSBOA), and he received the "National Impact Teacher of the Year" award given by Cedarville University. In 1989, he was selected as conductor of the first West Michigan All-Star Band. In 2006, he was awarded the "Outstanding Educator Award" by the Michigan Competing Band Association. In 2009, he was director of the MSBOA Youth Arts All-State Jazz Band. Under his direction, the

Northview marching band has placed in the top 10 bands numerous times with the 2009 Marching Band winning 2nd place this past fall. Recently, he was named the MSBOA District X Teacher of the Year.

However, as a devoted teacher, Max is most proud of his students' accomplishments. Northview students have received numerous DOWNBEAT and International Association for Jazz Education awards. His bands have performed at every Detroit Jazz Festival, and the Montreux, Switzerland Jazz Festival two times. They have performed at the Midwest Conference five times, have been on eight European Tours, and have had 48 students selected to the All-State Jazz Band in just the past 12 years. They have won several university jazz festivals in the State of Michigan and have received first-division ratings at every MSBOA Festival since 1975. They also were selected by Lincoln Center of New York to perform at the Essentially Ellington Band Directors Academy.

I sincerely wish Max the best in his upcoming retirement, and commend him for his service to our community. May his music never end!

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HONORARY DEGREES BESTOWED UPON JAPANESE AMERICAN STUDENTS WHO WERE REMOVED FROM SACRAMENTO JUNIOR COLLEGE DURING WORLD WAR II

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Japanese American men and women who will be receiving honorary degrees from Sacramento City College. During World War II, thousands of Japanese-American students had to suspend their studies to report to gathering sites before being sent to U.S. internment camps. Because of this, many never returned or completed their studies at Sacramento Junior College. 68 years later they will receive honorary degrees.

In one of our nation's darkest hours, on February 19, 1942, through the authorization of Executive Order 9066, more than 110,000 Japanese-Americans and Japanese immigrants were relocated and interned at War Relocation Centers. Because of Executive Order 9066, thousands of Japanese-American young adults were forced to halt their studies, withdraw from school and report to assembly centers solely because of their Japanese ancestry.

With the passage of California Assembly Bill 37 on October 11, 2009, the Regents of the University of California, Trustees of the California State University, and the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges were authorized by the State of California to confer an honorary degree upon each person, living or deceased, who was forced to leave his or her postsecondary studies as a result of Executive Order 9066. It is an honor long overdue.

Sacramento City College has taken the important steps toward correcting an injustice that occurred more than 68 years ago, and has embraced California Assembly Bill 37.

The California Nisei Diploma Project is a way of recognizing the many sacrifices made by Japanese-Americans in my home state of California.

On May 19, 2010, Sacramento City College will bestow 49 honorary degrees upon Japanese-Americans students, alive and deceased, who were forced to discontinue their studies at what was then known as Sacramento Junior College because of Executive Order 9066. Sacramento City College has looked forward to this moment with great anticipation, has received its former students and their families with great humility, and acknowledges their pursuit of higher education with honorary degrees.

Madam Speaker, it is with great honor and pride that I stand today to recognize the Japanese-American men and women who will receive honorary diplomas from Sacramento City College. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring these American citizens for their sacrifice and dedication to our country. Let this ceremony stand as a stark reminder that the darkest moments in the history of our country must be remembered so that they are never repeated. Thank you for joining me in honoring these proud Americans.

HONORING MARILYN OLLER

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Marilyn Oller for her dedicated service to her family and community. Mrs. Oller passed away on Sunday, April 18, 2010 surrounded by her family.

Mrs. Marilyn Oller was born on October 26, 1939 to Ronald and Lois. She grew up in Palo Alto, California where she attended Notre Dame High School. Upon graduating from high school, she attended the University of California, Davis. While in college she met her future husband, Ben Oller.

As a young woman, Mrs. Oller was a teacher and then became a domestic engineer. She was the owner of a dress store, "Sweet Pea", and later built homes in Madera, California. Over the years, Mrs. Oller was involved with countless community organizations including the Red Cross, Les Amis Guild, House of Hope, Evangel Home and the Amici Del Poverello Guild. She was instrumental in starting the Brunch for Elvis fundraiser for the Poverello House in Fresno, California. She was dedicated to helping those in need. Mrs. Oller also volunteered during my initial campaign and continued to volunteer, on a weekly basis, in my district office answering phones and keeping the staff up-to-date on the most recent celebrity news and movie reviews.

Mrs. Oller had a wonderful sense of humor and loved to laugh. She was always the life of the party and was known for her many escapades. She loved entertainment news and gossip; she attended countless concerts, plays and weekly movies. Mrs. Oller was most known for her love and dedication to her family. She and her husband created a nurturing and loving home for their two children, and in her later years she found tremendous joy in her role as a grandmother to her three grandchildren.

Mrs. Oller is survived by her husband of forty-nine years; her daughter, Lisa and her husband Jay; her son, Marty and his wife Dianne; her sisters-in-law, Darlene and Shelly; her brother-in-law, Chuck; her grandchildren, Dyllan, Benjamin, and Mallory; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to posthumously honor Marilyn Oller. I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring her life and wishing the best for her family.

TRIBUTE TO CHIEF STAN CROSBLEY, SIDNEY DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. JORDAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to commend to the House the admirable service of R. Stanley Crosley, chief of the city of Sidney's Department of Fire and Emergency Services, as he retires after a career of more than three decades with the city.

Joining the department in 1978, Stan was tapped to serve as chief in 1992. Under his leadership, the department has continually met the challenges inherent to the lifesaving work entrusted to it. The chief is hailed by his colleagues and peers for setting up a joint city-county fire investigation unit, initiating firefighter wellness programs, and expanding Sidney's fire prevention program.

Stan was named Shelby County Firefighter of the Year in 1977. He received the county's Distinguished Service Award in 2002 and the Ohio Fire Chiefs Association's Distinguished Service Award in 2006. In addition, he served as President of the OFCA from 2002 to 2004.

His dedication to civic duty is further expressed in his work with the Shelby County United Way and Wilson Memorial Hospital.

Stan received the department's Distinguished Service Award, its highest honor, at a Sidney City Council meeting earlier this month. This Friday, the department will host an open house where the public will gather to thank him for his 32 years of service on their behalf.

I am proud to join the Chief's fellow firefighters in congratulating him on his long and distinguished career in public safety. He established a solid foundation on which his successor can continue to build to the benefit of everyone in Sidney.

We wish Stan and his wife, Carole, every success as they move to a new chapter in their lives.

TAKE COMFORT, IN HONOR OF A REAL AMERICAN HERO, CPT KYLE A. COMFORT, THE UNITED STATES ARMY 3RD BATTALION 75TH RANGER REGIMENT

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor, and to mourn the death

of a brilliant American hero, from my great state of Alabama, Ranger Captain Kyle A. Comfort. On May 8, 2010, Kyle gave that last full measure for God and country in Afghanistan. Our prayers are with him, his lovely wife Brooke Catherine, and their new daughter Kinleigh Ann. May our Lord hold them in his arms, I ask that this poem penned in honor of him, by Albert Caswell be placed in the RECORD.

TAKE COMFORT

Take Comfort!

As you lay your head down to sleep . . .
All in your hearts of love, so very deep . . .
Of all of those most precious memories, so to keep!

Of all of those Magnificent Ones, who have so brought us peace . . .

But, with their fine lives . . . as it's but for them we now so weep!

Take Comfort!

In such hearts of honor and love . . . so very deep!

Who to all of ours so brilliantly do so speak!
As a gentle rain, rolls across Alabama this night . . . All in our sleep . . .

Are but our Lord's tears, coming down from Heaven from his heart so very deep . . .
All because of you Kyle, and your most selfless sacrifice so very sweet . . .

And all of this pain, your family must now so ever keep!

Take Comfort!

In hearts, now so very deep . . .

As this you must, believe!

That a new Angel, our Lord God . . . up in Heaven, has so received!

To watch over us, indeed!

To fight the darkness, you see!

And on this day, as you hold your family so very tight!

And all, seems so very right!

All because of a Hero, who for us has so died this night!

Because, Freedom is not Free!

But, bought and paid for . . . by all of these, most selfless souls . . . so indeed!

By men like Kyle, our Most Brilliant of All Lights!

And the families, who now so cry . . . all in their tears of heartache, this night!

So, hush little baby Kinleigh Ann . . . don't you cry!

For one day, up in Heaven you will look into your fine Father's eyes!

And you, Brooke . . . his lovely wife . . .

Your Hero Kyle, but wants you to have a happy life!

For there will be an eternity together, up in Heaven so very bright!

So this night, as you lay your head down to rest . . . but remember, all of our very best!

Take Comfort, all in how . . . our world they bless!

My Lord, Take Comfort . . . he's yours . . . as we lay his body down to rest!

Amen!

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I missed the following recorded votes on the House floor the legislative week of Tuesday, May 11, 2010.

For Tuesday, May 11, 2010, had I been present I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 256 (on motion to suspend the rules

and agree to H. Res. 1294), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 257 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1328), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 258 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1299).

For Wednesday, May 12, 2010, had I been present I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote No. 259 (on agreeing to H. Res. 1344, providing for consideration of H.R. 5116), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 260 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 5014), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 261 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Con. Res. 268), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 262 (on agreeing to the Gordon amendment to H.R. 5116), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 263 (on agreeing to the Hall amendment to H.R. 5116), "no" on rollcall vote No. 264 (on agreeing to the Markey amendment to H.R. 5116), "no" on rollcall vote No. 265 (on agreeing to the Miller (CA) amendment to H.R. 5116), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 266 (on agreeing to the Reyes amendment to H.R. 5116).

For Thursday, May 13, 2010, had I been present I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote No. 267 (on agreeing to the Bocchieri amendment to H.R. 5116), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 268 (on agreeing to the Halvorson amendment to H.R. 5116), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 269 (on agreeing to the Flake amendment to H.R. 5116), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 270 (on motion to recommit H.R. 5116 with instructions), "no" on rollcall vote No. 271 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1338), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 272 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1337).

DEFEND AMERICA PLAN

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, last night, members of the House Armed Services Committee completed the markup of the 2011 National Defense Authorization Act. I want to thank Chairman IKE SKELTON and Ranking Member BUCK MCKEON for working to ensure America's heroes and military families are recognized for their service.

I am grateful for the "Defend America Plan" comprised of several amendments that include: labeling the Fort Hood and Little Rock shootings as part of the Global War on Terrorism; preventing the transfer of detainees from Guantanamo Bay; and demanding strategies to deal with Iran's missile and nuclear threat.

I want to thank my colleagues for supporting my amendment to ensure TRICARE is protected from the health care takeover. Their support is also appreciated on my Yucca Mountain amendment to help examine the reckless decision to close the waste repository and my amendment to promote the State Guard.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11th in the Global War on Terrorism.

CONGRATULATING PASTOR
ARTHUR JACKSON, III

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. MEEK OF Florida. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to recognize and extend my congratulations to Pastor Arthur Jackson, III on his 19th anniversary of pastoral ministry in service to Antioch Missionary Baptist Church of Carol City, Florida.

A native of South Florida, Pastor Jackson was born to Reverend and Mrs. Arthur Jackson, Jr. on May 5, 1964. Pastor Jackson was licensed as a Minister on October 9, 1988, at the New Shiloh Missionary Baptist church in Miami, Florida where he served as an Associate Minister under the leadership of his father, Rev. Arthur Jackson, Jr.

Pastor Jackson became Senior Pastor of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church of Carol City on March 8, 1991. Under his leadership, the Church has grown from the "Faithful Fifty" members to a blossoming ministry of over 7,000 that continues to grow at record pace.

To accommodate the tremendous membership growth, several phases of building expansions have been realized under the direction of Pastor Jackson. Phase One, a 17,500 square foot Worship Center, has already been completed. Another building project is in the planning and design stages and should be completed within the next three years. This project will add an additionally 126,000 square feet to the Worship Compound. The Church has 75 established ministries.

Often sought over much of the United States as an evangelist, speaker and lecturer, Pastor Jackson often travels to spread "Good News of the Gospel." His radio broadcast can be heard weekly on WMBM-AM 1490 in Miami, Florida. He is married to Jacquaneise Jackson. They are blessed with one daughter, Jaden.

Madam Speaker and my colleagues, I ask that you join me in honoring Pastor Arthur Jackson, III, a humble servant of God, a true beacon of hope and a guiding light in the 17th Congressional District of Florida.

RECOGNIZING SISTER DAMIAN
MURPHY'S SERVICE TO GOD AND
HIS PEOPLE AS SHE CONCLUDES
HER MINISTRY AT CHRISTUS ST.
MICHAEL HEALTH SYSTEM

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. HALL of Texas. Madam Speaker, it is a privilege to rise today in honor of a dear woman of God, and my friend Sister Damian Murphy, Vice President of Mission Integration at Christus St. Michael Health System in Texarkana, Texas.

A native of County Cork, Ireland, Sister Damian joined the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word in 1950. She graduated from Sacred Heart Dominican College in Houston, TX, with a B.S. in Nursing and holds a Master of Science in Health Care Administration from the University of Houston, Clear Lake City.

She also completed one year of intensive study in theology at the School of Applied Theology, Berkeley, CA; one year of study in pastoral ministry at St. Madeleine Sophie Center for the Mentally Underdeveloped in El Cajon, CA; and study in clinical pastoral education from St. John's Regional Medical Center, Oxnard, CA.

She joined the St. Michael Pastoral Ministry staff in July of 1991, and has since impacted the lives of many patients, their family members, physicians, associates, volunteers, board members, and area residents. Her role developed into that of Vice President of Mission Integration, where she daily reaffirms to staff and community the mission of Christus St. Michael which is extending the healing ministry of Jesus Christ.

Sister Damian's career has been expansive and varied to include areas of patient care, management, and education. Her professional experience prior to joining the Christus St. Michael team included Director of Critical Care Nursing at St. Joseph, Houston, and Administrator of St. Elizabeth Hospital in Houston.

Her ministerial and civic contributions in Texarkana and the surrounding area will forever be remembered.

Madam Speaker, I have been extremely blessed by knowing this wonderful lady and I ask that you and the rest of my colleagues join me in congratulating and honoring Sister Damian Murphy as she enters into retirement and new ministry opportunities.

COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL
ADVOCATES (CASA)

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of a very special non-profit organization in my district, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), who celebrates 25 years of being the voice for abused and neglected children in Orange County.

Founded in 1985, CASA of Orange County is dedicated to providing quality intervention and advocacy services for children who are caught up in the courts and unable to safely live at home—many of whom are abused, abandoned and neglected children.

CASA of Orange County began with 15 volunteers and now has over 700 volunteers serving as mentors and advocates for child abuse victims.

In Orange County, on any given day, there are over 2,500 children and teens in foster care who have been removed from their homes due to chronic or severe abuse.

In a sea of social workers, attorneys, therapists and caregivers, it's the court appointed volunteer who is a consistent and caring friend and advocate for the child.

I want to commend CASA's volunteers and staff who are heroes to many of these children.

Thank you for your compassion and commitment to positively influencing the lives of these very special children—one child at a time.

DRILLING MORATORIUM—NOT SO
FAST

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, in response to the BP oil spill, Secretary Salazar ordered a prohibition for the Minerals Management Service from issuing any new offshore drilling permits including both shallow water and deep water offshore drilling. While it is important to fully determine the cause of any accident of this magnitude, and learn from the mistakes, the unintended consequences of this wide ranging ruling are far reaching. I believe that a ban on new permits for both shallow water and deepwater drilling is an over-reaction that has the potential to cause widespread economic damage to the Gulf Coast.

Shallow water drilling is fundamentally different from deep water drilling, and has operated in the Gulf safely for 60 years. First of all, drilling in shallow waters is primarily for natural gas. The oil remaining in these reservoirs has been largely produced, so it is at lower pressures than the oil found at deeper depths. Second, the blowout preventers in shallow water drilling are located above the sea surface, as opposed to the sea floor with deep water drilling. So, most of the problems we have seen with the blowout preventer in the BP spill would not be present in shallow water drilling.

Additionally, water temperatures are warmer in shallow water, and relief wells can be drilled much quicker and easier than in deeper water. The bottom line is that shallow water and deep water drilling are fundamentally different—yet this prohibition treats them the same.

For these reasons, I believe the Secretary of the Interior should allow new drilling permits to be issued for shallow water drilling in the Gulf immediately. Swift action is imperative, as up to 50 drilling rigs will complete wells in the next six weeks and will be unable to accept new work as long as the current ban on new permits is in effect. Additionally, shallow water drilling wells operate on a much shorter time frame for permitting than deep water wells, sometimes as little as 30–60 days. Therefore, it will be the shallow water drilling that is the most adversely affected in the short term by this ban on new permitting.

With over 180,000 Americans directly employed in the oil and gas and mining industries along the Gulf Coast, the prospect for severe economic hardship is very real. This hardship will only be compounded by the already high unemployment rates found along the Gulf Coast and throughout our country. In Port Arthur, Texas, unemployment is hovering around 15 percent.

Additionally, offshore crude production accounts for around 30 percent of total U.S. crude oil production, so it is vital to our energy supply that safe offshore drilling resume as quickly as possible. We cannot afford to give up a source of domestic energy and American jobs at this time. I urge Secretary Salazar to immediately lift the ban on new permitting for shallow water drilling.

And that's just the way it is.

INTRODUCING THE LENA HORNE RECOGNITION ACT

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Lena Horne Recognition Act, a bill to posthumously honor Lena Horne with a Congressional Gold Medal in recognition of her many achievements and contributions to American culture and the Civil Rights Movement. A symbol of elegance and grace, the legendary Lena Horne entertained America and broke racial barriers as a singer, dancer, and actress for over 60 years. Ms. Horne passed away in New York City on May 9, 2010 at the age of 92. My thoughts and prayers go out to her daughter, Ms. Gail Lumet Buckley, and the rest of her family and friends at this most difficult time.

Lena Mary Calhoun Horne was born on June 30, 1917, in Brooklyn, New York. Her path to international stardom would take her from Harlem's famous Cotton Club, where she was hired as a chorus dancer at the age of 16, to Charlie Barnet's jazz band, where she became one of the first African American women to tour with an all-white band, to Hollywood and Broadway.

In the 1940s, Ms. Horne was discovered by a Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer (MGM) talent scout and moved to Hollywood to be an actress, becoming the first black artist to sign a long-term contract with a major studio. Despite her extraordinary beauty and talent, however, she was often limited to minor acting roles because of her race. Among many lost opportunities, studio executives cast fellow actress Ava Gardner as Julie in the film adaptation of *Show Boat* instead of Ms. Horne because they did not want it to star a black actress. However, she dazzled audiences and critics in a number of films, including *Cabin in the Sky* and *Stormy Weather*.

The struggle for equal and fair treatment was an inseparable and increasingly political part of Ms. Horne's life. During World War II, Ms. Horne toured extensively with the United Service Organizations (USO) on the West Coast and in the South in support of the troops. She was outspoken in her criticism of the way black soldiers were treated, refusing to sing for segregated audiences or to groups in which German prisoners of war were seated in front of African American servicemen.

During the period of McCarthyism in the 1950s, Ms. Horne was blacklisted as a communist for seven years because of her civil rights activism and friendship with Paul Robeson and W.E.B. Du Bois. Although she continued to face discrimination, Ms. Horne's career flourished in television and on nightclub stages across the country. It was during this time that she also established herself as a major recording artist. In 1957, she recorded *Lena Horne at the Waldorf-Astoria*, which reached the Top 10 and became the best-selling album by a female singer in RCA Victor's history.

Sharing the stage with such names as Count Basie, Tony Bennett, Billy Eckstein, Vic Damone, and Harry Belafonte, Ms. Horne rose to international stardom and toured the world. She also starred in musical and television specials with such giants as Judy Garland, Bing Crosby, and Frank Sinatra.

Ms. Horne used her talent and fame to become a powerful voice for civil rights and equality. In 1963, she participated in the historic March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, at which Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his immortal "I Have a Dream" speech. She also performed at rallies throughout the country for the National Council of Negro Women and worked with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), of which she was a member since the age of two, the National Council of Negro Women, the Delta Sigma Theta sorority, and the Urban League throughout her career.

In 1981, Ms. Horne finally received the big break she had waited for her whole life. Her one-woman Broadway show, *Lena Horne: The Lady and Her Music*, was the culmination of her triumphs and struggles. It enjoyed a 14-month run before going on tour and earned her a special Tony and two Grammy awards.

Madam Speaker, Lena Horne was an extraordinary woman who refused to give up her dreams and used her beauty, talent, and intelligence to fight racial discrimination.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DEPLOY NATIONAL GUARD TROOPS TO THE BORDER ACT

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of bipartisan legislation I introduced earlier today with my colleague Representative DANA ROHRBACHER of California: The Deploy National Guard Troops to the Border Act.

The Federal Government has a responsibility to secure the border, and it simply hasn't done it. As a result, we are once again facing an emergency. Not just an emergency at the border, I might add, but an emergency in the interior—in places like Phoenix, where smugglers and Mexican drug cartels have set up vast networks of drop houses, which operate as way stations for their illegal activities. The crime and violence associated with these drop houses is horrendous. Phoenix has become a kidnapping capital.

This is completely unacceptable.

While, undoubtedly, Congress needs to secure the border and fix our broken immigration system—the situation at the border cannot wait simply because it is an election year. This is an urgent threat to our national security.

I have urged President Obama to send additional National Guard troops to the border, much like I urged President Bush to extend the deployment of National Guard troops to the border in 2008. Sadly, to no avail.

That is why, today, I am introducing legislation to deploy 3,000 National Guard troops to the border to assist U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

Taking this step will help secure the border while Congress works on a more comprehensive, permanent fix.

The National Guard has successfully assisted with border security in the past. Operation Jump Start, which concluded its mission in 2008 proved remarkably effective. According to the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol, the Yuma Sector experienced a 68-percent decrease in apprehensions between October

1, 2006, and July 31, 2007, compared with the previous year. Border-wide, the National Guard helped seize more than 1,080 vehicles used to transport drugs and/or illegal immigrants, more than 300,600 pounds of marijuana, and 5,060 pounds of cocaine.

I thought the National Guard was drawn down too quickly and offered an amendment at the time to extend their deployment. Unfortunately my amendment was blocked from floor consideration.

I know there are strong views about immigration reform, and I know this is an election year. But we cannot let petty political concerns or inflammatory rhetoric to continue to compromise our national security. We cannot continue to kick this down the road for future Congresses to deal with. Now is the time to tone down the rhetoric, come together and take this critical step.

I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to pass this bill, and continue to work on a permanent security solution, as well as a fix to our broken and ineffectual immigration system.

UNITED STATES-ISRAEL ROCKET AND MISSILE DEFENSE CO- OPERATION AND SUPPORT ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 5327, the United States-Israel Missile Defense Cooperation and Support Act of 2010. This legislation authorizes \$205 million dollars for the development and implementation of the Iron Dome—a missile defense system—that will be placed on Israel's borders with Gaza and Lebanon, and professes support for the security of Israel. I strongly support that. However, like many Israelis, I believe that Israel's security depends upon a stable and peaceful relationship with its Palestinian neighbors.

H.R. 5327 proposes that the means to achieve security for Israel is through investing in a missile defense system. I do not support that, and neither should anyone truly supportive of the security of Israel. Physicists have amply demonstrated that missile defense systems do not work. They can't hit a missile with a missile without rigging the tests in ways that are not simulations of realistic operation conditions. The missile system offered in H.R. 5327 will not stop any missiles, except by sheer luck, coming from Gaza or Lebanon.

This missile defense system will give a false sense of security to the Israelis, and it will serve to threaten countries in the region. The missile system proposed in H.R. 5327 will cause more destabilization, not less. It will cause nerves in the Middle East to become more frayed, not less. It will bring about the prospect of a military conflict more than it will bring about peace and reconciliation in the region.

I am also concerned that 43 years of military occupation in the West Bank, and the crippling siege of Gaza that has entered its fourth year, continue to undermine Israel's security. Investment in a missile defense system will not eliminate the need to address these

issues that are a fundamental part of securing Israel's future.

Last week, U.S. Special Envoy George Mitchell announced the beginning of proximity talks that require him to address the concerns of both the Palestinian Authority and the Israeli government prior to an attempt to restart direct negotiations on the final status issues. The United States has a responsibility to act in good faith as an honest broker.

Negotiations will not be successful as long as the United States continues to stand by idly as illegal settlements continue to be built in East Jerusalem and the West Bank. Furthermore, 1.5 million people in Gaza continue to suffer without basic services and Palestinians in the West Bank are denied the freedom of movement and prosperity by the separation barrier and hundreds of check points.

The United States can better demonstrate its strong support for Israel by helping it move toward good-faith negotiations that ensure a peaceful and prosperous future for Palestinians as well.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, on roll call No. 277 taken May 19, 2010, H.R. 5325, the America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010, had I not had a family emergency which required my immediate return to California, I would have proudly voted "yes".

With increasing global competition, it is critically important that we boost our country's research potential and expand our commitment to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) education. Economic growth requires innovation; innovation requires robust research; and effective research requires a broadly educated workforce. I am deeply saddened that COMPETES fell victim to short-sighted Republican political gamesmanship, and I look forward to working with House Science and Technology Chair BART GORDON to get COMPETES reauthorized through another legislative vehicle.

JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

HON. WM. LACY CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the rich heritage and invaluable contributions that Jewish Americans have made to our Nation and to the community that I am proud to represent in Missouri's First Congressional District.

The earliest Jewish immigrants came to St. Louis over two hundred years ago.

Like most new Americans, they came seeking a refuge from persecution and discrimination, with the hope of building productive lives and practicing their faith, without fear.

In St. Louis, and across the Nation, Jewish Americans have excelled in every facet of our society. From commerce, to the arts, to edu-

cation, medicine, the law, government, and in our armed forces.

Jewish Americans have enriched our Nation and contributed much to our shared cultural heritage.

I also want to make special mention of the long and historic partnership between the African American and the Jewish American communities, in the pursuit of social justice, civil rights, voting rights and equal protection under the law.

During the most trying times of the civil rights movement, Jewish Americans and African Americans marched together, stood together, protested together, prayed together, and even died together, to advance the cause of full citizenship and real equality for all.

That partnership and common pursuit of justice endures today.

In my district, I am blessed to represent a large, vibrant Jewish community with many outstanding congregations, educational and cultural groups and social service agencies; including: the Jewish Federation of St. Louis; the Jewish Community Center; Jewish Family and Children's Services; the Jewish Community Relations Council; the St. Louis Holocaust Museum and Learning Center, Barnes-Jewish Hospital, the Central Agency for Jewish Education, and many others.

Jewish Americans have helped shape our Nation's history, and their unending commitment to faith, family, learning and social justice will continue to strengthen the United States.

I am proud to join with my colleagues to mark Jewish American Heritage Month.

COMMENDING DAVID BARTON FOR EDUCATING AMERICA ABOUT OUR NATION'S RELIGIOUS HERITAGE

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, recently, I had the opportunity to tour our nation's Capitol building with one of our nation's leading scholars, David Barton. David Barton is an accomplished author, speaker, and historian who focuses on helping Americans explore and understand our nation's moral, religious, and constitutional heritage. It is critically important that all of us have a deeper understanding and appreciation of our nation's founding.

Mr. Barton has dedicated his life to studying historical documents from the foundation of our nation and helping Americans understand the impact moral and religious teaching and beliefs had on our nation's Founding Fathers and the direction of our nation. Through his work, he teaches that in addition to a constitutional foundation, our nation has undeniable religious and moral underpinnings.

Mr. Barton is founder and president of Wallbuilders, a national organization that presents "America's forgotten history and heroes." The organization seeks to educate citizens about the important role that religious faith had on our Founding Fathers and our nation's institutions, including our government.

Mr. Barton has received substantial recognition for his work, including being named "one of the 25 Most Influential Evangelicals" by

TIME magazine and receiving several Angel, Who's Who in Education, and Telly Awards, as well as the George Washington Honor medal.

I commend Mr. Barton for his commitment to fostering a scholarly understanding of America's heritage and for the important work he does in studying and teaching regarding the Biblical values that guided our Founders during the birth of our nation more than 225 years ago. I have been on several Capitol tours with Mr. Barton, and his knowledge about the religious foundation of our country never ceases to amaze me. It is through this type of work that Americans gain a better understanding of what the Founders expected our nation to be like and what we should expect from our elected leaders and the laws they create.

Madam Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Barton and the work that he does to educate Americans about our nation's past so that America can be a beacon to the world.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$12,975,292,327,567.97.

On January 6, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$2,336,866,581,274.10 so far this Congress.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE DEDICATION CEREMONY FOR CONGREGATION OLAM TIKVAH

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Congregation Olam Tikvah on the occasion of the Dedication Ceremony for their recent expansion.

Congregation Olam Tikvah was formed in 1964 by six Fairfax County families who recognized the need for a synagogue that would serve the Kings Park, Springfield, Fairfax and Annandale areas. The congregation was initially led by Reb Jack Frankel who, although not an ordained rabbi, provided religious leadership and guidance in those early days.

From these modest beginnings, Olam Tikvah has grown into a vibrant community and is the spiritual and religious home to over 620 Jewish families in the Northern Virginia area. Along with this growth in membership has come an expansion of programs which now include a preschool, child and adult education classes, ritual support, a Men's Club, a Sisterhood and a senior social group.

In addition to religious education and development, Congregation Olam Tikvah supports involvement by its members in a number of organizations and projects dedicated to the betterment of the secular community. These efforts include aid to victims of domestic violence, providing support to our military families, blood, food and clothing drives, elementary school mentoring programs and Sukkot in April which performs needed home repairs to our elderly, disabled and low-income neighbors.

On May 23, 2010, Olam Tikvah will celebrate the Dedication Ceremony for their most recent expansion. This expansion will provide a new library/learning center, a new social hall and new kitchen and support areas for the social hall. I am confident that these new facilities will provide the resources that will allow Congregation Olam Tikvah to continue its growth.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Congregation Olam Tikvah on the occasion of this Dedication Ceremony as well as in thanking Rabbi Kalender, Rabbi Shalva and the entire congregation for their commitment to Judaism, their synagogue and the residents of Northern Virginia.

HONORING THE ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF THE SRI LANKA CONFLICT

HON. MICHAEL E. McMAHON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. McMAHON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the one year anniversary of the end of the civil war in Sri Lanka. Although the war ended on May 19th, 2009, much work still needs to be done to ensure peace and stability on the island. Despite a pending debt crisis, the Sri Lankan government is still expanding its military footprint, including a \$300 million loan from Russia to purchase new weapons systems. I would urge the Congress to include language in the FY11 Foreign Operations Appropriations bill similar to language included last year. This would restrict all military assistance to Sri Lanka until the government: First, suspends and brings to justice members of the military who have violated internationally recognized human rights or international law; respects internationally recognized human rights, including the right of due process for suspected ex-combatants; treats IDPs in accordance with international standards, and is actively working to resettle individuals in their former homes; provides unrestricted access to conflict-affected areas and populations by humanitarian organizations and journalists; and implements policies to promote reconciliation and justice.

I would encourage my colleagues to support this language until the Government of Sri Lanka can prove it is taking the necessary steps to secure lasting peace and stability for the island.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE RETIREMENT OF REVEREND JOHN H. RICE, SR.

HON. DEBORAH L. HALVORSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mrs. HALVORSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of the Reverend John H. Rice, Sr. upon the fortieth anniversary of beginning his tenure at St. Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Chicago Heights, Illinois.

Born in Starkville, Mississippi, Reverend Rice moved to Chicago Heights, Illinois at the age of four. There he spent his childhood, graduating from Bloom Township High School. After receiving his Associate's Degree in Masonry from Los Angeles City College, he returned to the area in 1959 and married Movita Tate, a classmate from Bloom Township High School. He continued his education, graduating from the Moody Bible Institute's evening school in 1967 and receiving his Bachelor's Degree in Interpersonal Communications from Governors State University in 1982.

As pastor at St. Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Reverend Rice tended to a congregation of 600 families. He spent his 40 years serving the local community, caring for the poor and the homeless. In 1986, he opened the Bethel Community Facility, which became known as the "Miracle on Portland Street" for the year-round services it provides to the homeless. The Facility provides not only food, clothing and shelter for the homeless, but also a doctor's office and several job training programs. In 1990, he opened the Bethel Annex, which provided a "rent-a-church" space for small congregations to worship and now serves as a warming and cooling center for the homeless.

Reverend Rice retires next month after a fulfilling, impressive, and inspirational career. He is truly an asset to Chicago Heights and the Southland area. It is with great pride that I celebrate the career of Reverend John H. Rice, Sr. May his retirement be as fruitful and joyous as his ministry has been.

THE RESPONSIBLE GSE AFFORDABLE HOUSING INVESTMENT ACT OF 2010

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Responsible GSE Affordable Housing Investment Act of 2010. I would like to recognize my colleagues Representatives NADLER, VELÁZQUEZ and MEEKS for their co-sponsorship of the legislation.

The bill will curtail the ability of Government Sponsored Enterprises (GSEs) such as Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to invest in future deals—like in the case of Stuyvesant Town/Peter Cooper Village in my district—that do not result in an increase in, or preservation of, affordable housing.

Since 1992, GSEs like Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac have been required to meet certain affordable housing goals each year. "Housing Goals Credit" is awarded numerically based on the types of transactions that they enter into. GSEs in turn make decisions about their investments based on whether these investments would be eligible for Housing Goals Credit.

In 2007, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac invested in a \$22 billion commercial mortgage-backed securities transaction that contained the debt on the Stuyvesant Town/Peter Cooper Village project. The deal was one of the largest commercial mortgage-back securities (CMBS) deals ever; Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac's participation as senior debt holders of \$3 billion was critical.

At the time of the deal it was clear that the Stuyvesant Town property was overleveraged—the debt on the property was larger than the rental income it was receiving. After the transaction closed, over the course of several years, the new owners of the property engaged in aggressive tactics to convert affordable units to market rate so that they could increase their rental income—yet the GSEs received affordable housing goals credit for this investment. The investment on the part of the GSEs secured completion of the deal and the GSEs were incentivized to make it because of the housing goals credit they received.

The GSEs should be incentivized to invest in projects that actually do increase or preserve affordable housing. That is what my bill will do. It will require the Federal Housing Finance Agency to rewrite its rules for distributing housing goals credit so that Freddie and Fannie cannot receive credit for investments like the one they made in the Stuyvesant Town project. It would also require the GSEs to use the same underwriting standards for investments in the secondary market that they do for their direct investments which are much stricter. That way, the GSEs won't invest in the secondary market in projects where the rental income is insufficient to cover the payments on the debt on the property.

Madam Speaker, this bill addresses a critical component of GSE decision-making when it comes to their investments: whether or not they will receive housing goals credit. It does not prohibit them from making investments, it merely says that if those investments do not lead to an increase or a preservation of affordable housing, the GSEs cannot receive credit for them.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, on Tuesday, May 18, 2010, I missed three recorded votes on the House floor. I ask that the RECORD reflect that had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall 273, "yea" on rollcall 274 and "yea" on rollcall 275.

IN HONOR OF DR. DONALD F.
CROSSAN

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great honor but a heavy heart that I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Donald F. Crossan, a Delaware native who devoted his life to his community and his career to academics at the University of Delaware. Dr. Crossan will be missed by many throughout our state, but his legacy lives on in the lives he touched through his service as a professor and community member, and with the agricultural academic scholarship endowed in his name.

Born in 1926 and raised in Wilmington, Don was a Veteran of the Second World War, an avid outdoorsman, and had visited all seven continents over his lifetime. Don's interest in plants, animals, and the outdoors was established early in his life. As a boy, he learned about hunting and fishing in the nearby ponds and fields and acted as an Assistant Boy Scout Leader. After graduating from P.S. DuPont High School in 1944, Don enlisted in the Army Air Corps and was stationed in Guam, serving as a tail gunner. Upon returning home, he married his 'girl next door,' Ruth Swanson, and went on to earn his Bachelor of Science at the University of Delaware and his Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy in Plant Pathology at North Carolina State College.

Don spent his entire 39-year career at the University of Delaware, working as a Professor, Vice President of University Relations and Business Management, Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Director of the Agricultural Experiment Station. Don's academic and administrative contributions truly embodied the tradition of excellence held by our state's flagship university; his knowledge, his expertise, and his dedication enhanced the curriculum of the College of Agricultural Sciences, as well as its focus on service to the University and the broader community. Among the numerous academic and community awards he received are both the University of Delaware's Medal of Distinction and its Outstanding Alumnus Award, the Arthur Trabant Women's Equity Award, and the New Castle County and State of Delaware Farm Bureau Awards for Outstanding Service to Agriculture.

An integral part of our economy in Delaware, agriculture is ingrained in our state's history and Don's leadership and involvement in this issue has extended well beyond the walls of the University. As the first Chairman of the Delaware Farmland Preservation Foundation, Don fought to ensure that agriculture would always remain a part of the fabric of our culture. He sat on a number of boards—including those of the National Corn Breeders Association, the Delaware Agricultural Museum, the Delaware Nature Education Society, the Newark Senior Center, and Longwood Gardens—and was Chairman of the Coastal Zone Industrial Control Board under three different Governors. Moreover, because of Don's direct leadership in the preservation and permanent protection of more than 60,000 acres of Delaware farmland, former Governor Ruth Ann Minner declared July 26th, 2001 as Dr. Donald F. Crossan Day.

Don was a loving husband to his wife, with whom he enjoyed entertaining family and friends in the Swedish tradition. With Ruth at his side, their recent travel to Antarctica saw them reach their goal of visiting all seven continents. Don will be missed immensely by his wife and their family, including his sister, Delores, his children, Connie, Donna and Eric, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews.

We in Delaware are grateful for the contributions of Dr. Donald F. Crossan as both a scholar and dedicated community member, and I am honored to be able to recognize and pay tribute today to the life of such a good friend and leader.

HONORING THE LIFE OF WILLIAM
F. McELROY, JR.

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor William McElroy, Jr., a man who contributed greatly to Memphis, Tennessee's business and sports community. He was born in Memphis on May 19, 1929, to William and Kathryn McElroy. He graduated from Germantown High School in 1946 and later attended the University of Tennessee and Memphis State University—after which he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served 46 months with two tours in Korea. Mr. McElroy then returned to Memphis and worked as President in his family business, McElroy Insurance Agency.

William McElroy, Jr. made many contributions to the Memphis sports community. In 1958, he was involved in the creation of the University of Memphis' Tigers Football booster club, the Highland Hundred, for which he served as President in 1963 and Chairman of the Board. In 1963, he co-founded the Memphis Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame which recognizes top area high school and college football scholar-athletes. Mr. McElroy was a recipient of the National Football Foundation's "Distinguished American Award."

In the mid-1960s, Mr. McElroy was involved in the development of the Memphis Memorial Stadium which originally had a seating capacity of 50,160. In 1965, he was the driving force behind convincing Bud Dudley to move the Liberty Bowl from Atlantic City, New Jersey to the new stadium which was preparing for its grand opening. Mr. McElroy served as President in 1970 of the Liberty Bowl Festival Association and Chairman of the Board in 1971. The Liberty Bowl was such a success for Memphis that the stadium was renamed Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium in 1976.

William McElroy, Jr. remained involved with the growth of the stadium for 30 years afterwards. Today, the Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium, now called the AutoZone Liberty Bowl Stadium, has a seating capacity of over 61,000 and is home to the University of Memphis Tigers football team, the AutoZone Liberty Bowl and the Southern Heritage Classic.

Mr. McElroy's enthusiasm for sports also included baseball. He helped establish the Service Academy Spring Classic, a baseball tournament comprised of teams including the University of Memphis, the Air Force Academy,

the Naval Academy and three other teams that changed yearly.

William McElroy, Jr. was active in numerous local organizations throughout his life. He served over 50 years in the Kiwanis Club where he was named "Kiwanian of the Year" and later served as President. Mr. McElroy was on the Board of Directors and Gala Committee for the Marguerite Piazza Gala, the longest-running annual charity event of its kind in Memphis that raises money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. He was also active in the President's Circle at Christian Brothers University, the Grand Krewe of RaMet of Carnival Memphis, the Kroger LeBonheur Senior Challenge and Lindenwood Christian Church.

William McElroy, Jr. passed away on May 16, 2010, at the age of 80. He is survived by his children Trip, Mary and Susan, all of whom worked at McElroy Insurance Agency with their father. Memphis mourns the loss of Mr. McElroy, Jr. who was a leader in the community continuously involved with its improvement and overall a really nice guy. Thank you, William McElroy, Jr., for coming our way.

HONORING MR. HILTON R. SEGLER

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Hilton R. Segler, a man I am proud to call my friend and constituent. He is an accomplished public servant who has devoted his life to his community, state and country.

Mr. Segler was born in Ozark, Alabama and moved to Albany, Georgia in 1948. He graduated from Albany High School and went on to pursue several correspondence degrees in Law and Business. In 1957, Mr. Segler started working for Southeastern Liquid Fertilizer in Albany, Georgia, and then served as the Assistant to the President of Planters Chemical Company in Virginia. He then moved back to Albany in 1964 to work for the Thompson/Hayward Chemical Company and was appointed Regional Manager for the company in 1981.

Mr. Segler also has served the TIDA Farm Service Center as a salesman; his sales exceeded \$1.5 million in his first year, and \$3 million in his second year, thus proving his acuity as a salesman. In the early 1990's he purchased a pecan farm and farmed over 1900 acres of pecan trees for almost 6 years. He later started a nickel nutrient supplement company named Nipan, LLC in 2003. Products from his company have gained tremendous popularity in the last few years and are shipped all over the United States.

In 2002, Mr. Segler, along with Bucky Geer and James Lee Adams, testified to the federal board at the Risk Management Agency on behalf of pecan growers. His undying efforts helped pecan growers across the United States attain crop insurance. Mr. Segler testified before the House and Senate Committees on Agriculture in an effort to obtain larger provisions for the pecan industry in the 2008 Farm bill. Consequently, pecans were included in the Country of Origin labeling requirements and also in the crop insurance program.

He also worked to expand pecan exports to China and other agricultural economies, by

partnering with the United States Department of Agriculture and Georgia Department of Agriculture. He pushed for pecan farmers' participation in the Market Access program, a program that helps finance promotional activities for U.S. agricultural products.

In 2004, Hilton championed to obtain "clean up" assistance for pecan farmers who were hurt by hurricanes that devastated parts of Georgia and Alabama. Earlier this year, Mr. Segler testified before the House Agriculture Committee on the future of the pecan industry and the importance of nutrition and trade to this industry, for the 2010 Farm bill.

Madam Speaker, the State of Georgia, especially the Second Congressional District, and our nation are truly blessed to have benefited from the tremendous leadership of Mr. Hilton R. Segler. We greatly appreciate his compassion, his love and concern for the farmers of this State and of his intense desire to help others.

STEWART LEE UDALL DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUILDING

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, as a former Deputy Secretary of the Interior under President Bill Clinton, I witnessed firsthand the lasting legacy of Stewart Lee Udall, who served as Secretary of the Interior from 1961 to 1969 under Presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson. He left a legacy committed to environmental stewardship, preservation, and wildlife protection. His leadership helped greatly expand America's natural parks and advanced landmark policies to improve air and water protections. Redwood National Park in my home State of California exists because of Udall's leadership.

Naming the Interior Department Building after Udall is the least we can do to honor his legacy. An even greater honor to his towering legacy would be to continue pursuing policies that protect our fragile planet. As he once said, "Plans to protect air and water, wilderness and wildlife are in fact plans to protect man."

STEWART LEE UDALL DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUILDING

SPEECH OF

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. INSLEE. Madam Speaker, today Congress passed H.R. 5128, to designate the

Department of the Interior Building in Washington, D.C. as the "Stewart Lee Udall Department of the Interior Building". Mr. Udall, a former Secretary of the Interior, Congressman, outdoorsman and environmental leader, deserves this honor so every American can recognize his long, dedicated service. With his strong leadership, Congress passed monumental environmental laws including the Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, the Wilderness Act, the Endangered Species Act, Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, and the Land and Water Conservation Fund. He began, in his early years, by protecting natural resources like the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge in 1960, which protected habitat for more than 244 bird species. Mr. Udall's visionary leadership and environmental legacies are enjoyed by all Americans, from the North Cascades to the Canyonlands National Park. Past and future generations alike will be able to enjoy and recreate in some of America's most grand locations because of his service.

UNITED STATES-ISRAEL ROCKET AND MISSILE DEFENSE CO-OPERATION AND SUPPORT ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I am proud to support the U.S.-Israel Rocket and Missile Defense Cooperation and Support Act, H.R. 5327, to provide \$205 million to support Israel's deployment of the Iron Dome rocket defense system.

Israel is our closest ally and the only true democracy in the Middle East, yet throughout its 62-year existence, it has been under attack from neighboring states and terrorist organizations like Hamas and Hezbollah that deny its right to exist as a Jewish State. Funding for this program is consistent with America's promise that there can be no space between the U.S. and Israel when it comes to security. U.S.-Israel cooperation is beneficial to both nations, particularly when we collaborate to develop advanced defense technologies like the Iron Dome rocket defense system.

For nearly five years, Israelis were subjected to a rain of terror as nearly 8,000 missiles were fired over the border from the Gaza Strip following Israel's unilateral withdrawal in 2005, leading to a desperate effort by Israel to end the bombardment with Operation Cast Lead which began on December 27, 2008. Large population centers like Sderot, Ashkelon, Ashdod and Be'er Sheva were hit by rocket and mortar fire. Widely derided as 'home-made' by the international press, these bombs were deadly for those unlucky enough to be in the way. And they fell indiscriminately on homes, schools, hospitals and businesses.

A four year old boy was killed at a nursery school in Sderot. Other rockets hit a school and a sports center in Ashkelon. Luck and a system of sirens and bunkers kept the death toll down, but thousands were injured and thousands more were traumatized by living with daily terror.

Similarly, during the Lebanon War of 2006, residents of Northern Israel, including the city of Haifa, were subjected to a barrage of Katyusha rockets from Southern Lebanon. Nearly 4,000 of these rockets fell on Israel during the 5 week conflict.

While incidents are fewer today, Israeli citizens along the border, particularly in the city of Sderot, continue to face occasional rocket fire. Evidence suggests that there are now at least as many rockets targeting Israel from Lebanon and the Gaza Strip as there were before Operation Cast Lead and the 2006 Lebanon War. And while the missiles do not fall regularly, they do fall. For example, on August 8, 2009, a rocket fired from Lebanon went through the roof of a nursing home in Nahariya in Israel, passing through several bedrooms and landing in the kitchen. By chance, the rocket hit while residents were on a lower level waiting for breakfast and there were only minor injuries and shock. Had residents been in their rooms, there would have been many deaths.

Currently, the only defense is a warning siren that sounds 15 seconds before the bombs hit, allowing Israelis a few seconds to scramble for the nearest bomb shelter or safe room. That's fifteen seconds of terror while mothers call frantically for their children and old people painfully try to make it to safety. For those who are bedridden, there's merely the hope that the bombs will fall elsewhere.

The best way to end terrorism is to render the terrorists powerless. Our \$205 million will build a rocket defense system to give Israelis another form of self-defense. This defense system will advance the cause of peace by enhancing Israel's ability to defend itself from attack. Instead of building stronger bunkers and better underground facilities, it gives Israelis the hope that the missiles can be destroyed before they hit. If the missiles cannot get through, then Israelis will not have to cower in their bunkers and basements and safe rooms. And perhaps their dreams of a lasting, secure peace will become a reality.

Madam Speaker, I believe this funding offers hope to Israelis weary of terror, and reason for optimism for those who understand that peace is impossible without the promise of security. Accordingly, I strongly support H.R. 5327 and I urge my colleagues to vote in favor of it.